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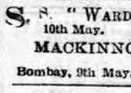

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Plaint filed the 18th day of April, 1905.

1. DAMODHERDAS HURJIVANDAS, of Bombay, Hindu Merchant, residing at Jackeria Musjid Road without the Fort of Bombay.
2. DAMODHERDAS GORDHANDAS, of Bombay, Hindu Merchant, residing at Bazar Gate within the Fort of Bombay.
3. DAMODHERDAS BHUGWANDAS, of Bombay, Hindu Merchant, residing at Baronaya Moholla, without the Fort of Bombay,

and

4. VUNMALI SOMJI, of Bombay, Hindu Merchant, residing at Mungaldas Market without the Fort of Bombay, all members of the Ghoghari Lohana Caste with the consent of the Advocate General of Bombay for themselves and on behalf of their members of the Ghoghari Lohana Caste except the Defendants. Plaintiffs.

Vs.

1. NARBDABAI, wife of GOVINDJI LALJI, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Jambli Mohola without the Fort of Bombay.
2. GODAVIBAI, widow of BURGOWAN HIRJI, formerly of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, her present whereabouts are not known the Surviving Trustee of the Deed Poll dated the 13th day of March, 1854. .....Defendants.

EDWARD VII by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India. Greetings :—WHEREAS the above-named Plaintiffs have filed a plaint in this Court against you the above-named Defendants whereof the following is a concise statement, viz :—

The Plaintiffs pray that the Defendants be ordered to account on the footing of wilful default for the management of the trust property in the plaint mentioned from the respective date they were appointed trustees and for all rents and other income received by them and her in respect of the same, that the 1st Defendant be ordered to account on the same footing for the sum of Rs. 6000 borrowed by her with the sanction of the Court and the application of same may be ordered to replace said sum with compound interest at such a rate as to the Court may seem fit, that for the above purpose all necessary accounting may be taken orders made and directions given that the Defendants may be removed from being trustees of the charitable property in the plaint mentioned that the Plaintiffs or some other fit and proper persons may be appointed trustees of the said charitable property that a scheme may be settled for the management of the said property and the repayment from the rents and profits of the sum advanced by the Plaintiffs to save the trust property as in the plaint mentioned that a Receiver may be appointed to take charge of the trust property and to recover the rents and profits thereof for cases and further or other relief.

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court on the 10th day of July, 1905 at a quarter to eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in person or by Advocate duly instructed by an Attorney of this Court and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some other person able to answer all such questions to answer the above-named Plaintiff, and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must produce all your witnesses on that day, and you are hereby required to take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence; and you will bring with you (or send by your Attorney) any document in your possession or power containing evidence relating to the merits of the Plaintiff's case or upon which you intend to rely in support of your case.

WITNESS SIR LAWRENCE HUGH JENKINS, K.C.I.E, Chief Justice, at Bombay aforesaid, this 5th May, 1905.

A. M. KAJIJI,
for Prothonotary.

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A. M. KAJIJI,

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Trocas, 2657 tons, Captain W Kerr, sailed yesterday for Susu, in ballast.

THE steamer Cromwell, 1977 tons, Captain H B Sheel, will sail to-day for Antwerp with a general cargo.

THE steamer Heatheraig, 3780 tons, Captain J J Courtney, arrived in harbour yesterday from Colombo, in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Nevasa, 1945 tons, Captain C F Evans, sailed yesterday for Rangoon, &c, with a general cargo and one deck passenger.

THE B and P S N Co's steamer Moshtari, 1109 tons, Captain W H Coates, will sail to-day for Maculla, with a general cargo and 60 deck passengers.

THE steamer Clan, 2310 tons, Captain G Bramston, arrived in harbour yesterday from Balak Pappan, 15th March, with a cargo of 1900 tons liquid fuel.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lama, 940 tons, Captain H Carey, sailed yesterday for Karachi via Kathiawar coast ports with a general cargo and passengers.

THE steamer Comedian, 3148 tons, Captain J Marshall, arrived in harbour yesterday from Glasgow and Liverpool via Cape Town and Mossel Bay, with ballast.

THE steamer Monsoori, 1735 tons, Captain J Hannah, arrived in harbour yesterday from Jedah, 27th April, with a general cargo and 823 pilgrims as passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Goalpara, Captain H M Cutbush, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf, ports and Karachi with a general cargo and 41 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Itanra, 3383 tons, Captain D L Neilson, R N R, arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon 22nd April with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr, Mrs and Miss Morgan, Capt and Mrs McKinlay and 16 deck.

ARRIVALS.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
9	Monsoori s	Hannah	Jedah, Apl 27
	Clan s	Bramston	Balak Pappan, Mar 15
	Comedian s	Marshall	Glasgow, Mar 14
	Goalpara s	Cutbush	Basreh, Apl 24
	Itaura s	Nelson	Rangoon, Apl 22
	Heatheraig s	Courtney	Colombo, May 3

DEPARTURES.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
9	Lama s	Carey	Karachi, &c
	Trocas s	Kerr	Susu
	Nevasa s	Evans	Rangoon, &c

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Steamer Cromwell, Sheel, for Antwerp
" Moshtari, Coates, for Maculla

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Comedian, for Marseilles
" Onipenta, for Calcutta, &c
" Goalpara, for Persian Gulf

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS).

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's steamer Golconda, passed Lisbon on the morning of the 8th instant.

The P and O S N Co's steamer Caledonia, arrived at Suez from Bombay on the afternoon of the 7th instant.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Chisholm, arrived in London on the evening of the 6th instant.

COLOMBO, MAY 9.

The H M S Hyacinth, from Aden has arrived here.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 9.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Britannia s—95 bales wool M Hatansi ; 78 bales wool H A M Oosman ; 101 bales wool M J Joosabhoy and Co ; 1501 cwt myrabollams P Lukhmidas and Co ; 26 bales wool The Bombay Company ; 2 tons oil cake Geo J Hill ; 600 cwt myrabolams D Sanjana and Co ; 1953 cwt oil cake New Mofussil Co ; 70 bales hemp E Tajbhoy.

FOR LONDON.

Macedonia s—32 cwt cattle fish M Somjee ; 23 bales hides and skins R M Kooka ; 223 bales hides and skins W and A Graham and Co ; 52 cwt corrianderseed K B Sajan ; 38 bales hides and skins and 100 boxes lemon grass oil M J Joomabhoy and Co ; 20 cwt abrak J Mugaalal and Co ; 3 bags lac The National Bank ; 79 bales hides and skins E D Sassoon and Co ; 16 bales hides and skins Ewart Latham and Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Britannia s—200 cwt oilbanum H Virdhar

Macedonia s—24 cwt abrak J Maganlal and Co ; 1 bale carpets King King and Co

FOR HULL.

Tokio s—1001 cwt methysseed Baner and Kranse

FOR MARSEILLES.

Britannia s—500 cwt wheat Ralli Bros ; 200 cwt mustardseed Volkart Bros

Comedian s—10837 cwt teelseed 112920 cwt wheat 5200 cwt groundnuts and 500 cwt castorseed Ralli Bros

FOR MESSINA.

R Rubattino s—4000 cwt wheat Volkart Bros

FOR ANTWERP.

Winsleydale s—220 bales hemp Bhimjee ; 150 bales cotton waste Tyabjee and Co ; 201 cwt mustardseed 2001 cwt poppyseed and 2001 cwt gingellyseed A Blascheck and Co ; 110 bales cotton J A Bogbie and Co

FOR CATANIA.

R Rubattino —500 bales cotton Gaddum and Co ; 400 bales cotton Volkart Bros

FOR GENOA.

R Rubattino s—100 bales cotton Glade and Co ; 150 bales cotton Walter Pauri and Co : 110 bales cotton Volkart Bros ; 500 bales cotton Gaddum and Co ; 300 bales cotton Glade and Co ; 100 bales Cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR NAPLES

R Rubattino s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co

FOR ODESSA.

R Rubattino s—100 cwts oilbanum F Fischer and Co ; 125 cwts oilbanum N Futchally and Co

FOR LEGHORN.

R Rubattino s—100 bales cotton Volkart Bros

FOR DUNKIRK.

Clan Colquhoun s—110bales cotton Glade and Co ; 400 cwts horns R Kaderbhoy

WESTERN COMMAND ORDERS.

(By Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Hunter, K C B D S O Commanding.)

16th Punjabis—2nd-Lieut E H Pott, 2nd Batn, Ry Irish Fusilliers, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be a double Co Officer, Dated 23rd April.

Brigade Staff—Capt G A F Sanders, Ry Engr Officiating Brigade-Major, Belgaum Brigade, to be Brigade-Major, Aden Brigade vice Major C E K Harvey, Ry Irish Rifles, vacated, Dated 19th April

12th Pioneers (The Kelat-i-Ghilzai Regt)—Lieut G C Denson, Double Co Officer, 30th Carnatic Infy is transferred in the same capacity ; 2nd-Lieut R B Boyce Officiating Double Co Officer to be Double Cy Officer, to fill an existing vacancy.

103th Infy—Capt E Saulez 3rd Double Cy Commander to be Officiating 2nd-in Command during the absence on leave of Major C A Brown or until further orders

17th Mahrattas—2nd Lieut E J D Colvin Unattached List to be a Double Cy Officer Dated 16th April

12rd Outram's Rifles—Lieut W S Patton I m S to the officiating medical charge vice Captain W M Houston I M S ranted furlough

The undermentioned Officer is confirmed in his present appointment from the date specified—Lieut H L Harkness 2th Deccan Horse Supply and Transport Officer 6th Class on probation with effect from 10th March 1904

The following postings are ordered—Major C E Forestier Walker From the Frontier Garrison Artillery To N 60 Co, Ry Garrison Artillery, on promotion ; Capt R H Parker from Instructor in Gunnery Aden to No 43 Co, Ry Garrison Arty Portsmouth

Intimation has been received from the War Office that the following exchange has been sanctioned Argyll and Sutherlan Highlanders 2nd-Lieut J R Cooper, 2nd to 1st Batn, 2nd-Lieut A A L Campbell, 1st to 2nd Batn

The undermentioned Officers of the Royal Arty in this Comd have passed in Range Firing Lieut H C Simpson "P" Batty Ry Horse Arty ; Lieut C F Potter 49 Batty Ry Field Arty

The undermentioned Officer has passed the examination prescribed in Appendix VIII, King's Regulations and is tactically fitted for appintment to the permanent command of a Native Regt—Major C F G Griffin D S O 1st Lancers

The undermentioned Officers have qualified for promotion to the rank of Lieut—2nd-Lieut G Sheringham Cheshire Regt (attached to 1st Batn, York and Lancaster Regt 2nd-Lieut H D Saward 2nd Battn RoyalScots, 2nd-Lieut M Henderson, 2nd Battn Royal Scots

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	4	4	9
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	19	11	29
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada ...	25	22	35
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi ...	12	8	11
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	20	18	37
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	12	9	14
G Mahim and Worli ...	22	17	28
Water Division ...	0	0	0
North-Resident and Unknown Hospitals ...	0	8	13
Total ...	114	97	170
Total plague deaths to date ...	290,233	243,049	
Same date last year ...	51	55	133

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, MAY 8.

SECURITIES—

2 1-2 per cent. Consols	£89 13/16	= — 3-16
3 do. Rentes	£99	= — 1-4
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£105 3/4	= — 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 7/8	= — 1-8

SILVER—

Spot in London	26 2/8	= + 1-16
2 months hence	26 1/4	= + 1-16
Spot in New York	57 1/8	= + 1/8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·17 1/2	= + ·01 1-2
Berlin "	20·47	= unchanged
New York Demand	4·86 3/4	= + 1/8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	2 1/2 per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	2 1/4 per cent	= do
3 " " " Fine Trade Bills	2 3/8 per cent	= do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	2 5/8 per cent	= do
	2 7/8 per cent	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	2 3/8 per cent	= + 1/8
7 day market loans	2 3/8 per cent	= unchanged

Wheat afloat to U. K, 3,090,000 qrs.

WHEAT—
Red Karachi 28 5/8 value

RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat 42 1-2 sellers
Yellow Cawnpore 41 1-2 sellers } Tone firm
Brown 39 sellers

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 40 3/8 business done, tone dull

RUBBER—
Para Rubber 5s 7 1/4d value

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 14-3 sellers, tone firm.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed very steady. East Indian quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 8,000 bales. Spot 4·29 unchgd. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 6 11-16 unchgd. Sold on speculation and for Export 500 bales. Imports 10,000 bales. Futures closed firmer.

May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
4·17	4·18	4·20
+4	+3	+4
Aug.-Sept.	Sep.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
4·21	4·22	4·23
+4	+4	+4
Nov.-Dec	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
4·24	4·25	4·26
+4	+5	+5

Receipts at U S Ports	19,000 bales
Do last year	3,500 do
Exports to Great Britain	17,000 do
Do Continent	21,000 do

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	8·15 + 20
Futures, month of July	7·47 + 18 a
Do, do, December	7·22 + 17 b

a Advanced owing to daily weather reports show too much rain.
b Advanced owing to heavier exports.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot		7 3/4 + 1 8
Futures, month of	August	7·65 + 21
Do, do.	November	7·75 + 20
Tone at close		firm

Bank of Bombay Weekly Cash balance is Rs. 1,10,00,000 down.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 48 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Monday, 8th May, 1905 :—

Cotton	20,148 bales.
Wheat	52,24 cwts.
Linseed	17,351 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	12,852 do
Gingellyseed	951 do
Poppyseed	6,464 do
Groundnuts	1,437 do
Castorseed	866 do
Rice	1,781 do
Myrabollams	280 do
Cottonseed	16,286 do
Mowrseed	nil
Gram	773 do
Joowar	8,096 do
Maize	47 do

BOMBAY, MAY 9.

Exchange—Tone Firm.

Bank T. T.		1s. 3 31-32d.
Bank Demand		1s. 3 31-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D A		1s. 4 1-8d.
Do 6 do do		1s. 4 7-32d.
French Francs 3 do do		169 1-2
Marks 3 do do		137 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight		137 1-2
Shanghai 30 do do		192 1-2
Japan 30 do do		149

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone quiet,

Cash	98'10
1st Settlement	98'8

Money Market. Tone quiet.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 9th March	2 1-2	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do 14th April	5	do
Bank of Bengal do 28th do	4	do
Bank of Madras do 15th do	6	do

The Bank of Bombay cash balance is Rs. 1,10,000 down.

SEEDS,

LINSEED—Tone steady.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	7	0	0
Forward Suttah May	7	2	0
September do	7	10	0

RAPESEED—Tone firm but little doing.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready	6	10	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	7	2	0
Yellow Guzerat Ready	7	4	0

POPPYSEED—Tone firm.

Ready	7	8	0

CASTORSEED—Tone steady.

Ready	28	8	8

WHEAT,—Tone firmer,

White Delhi ready	4	9	6	per cwt
Do, Do forward	4	9	6	do.
Jubbulpore, Pessi	30	0	0	per c'dy

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—firm.

Estimated sales	8,000 bales
Imports	13,000 do

May-June	June-July	July-Aug
4·21	4·22	4·24
+4	+4	+4
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov
4·25	4·26	4·27
+4	+4	+4
Nov-Dec.	Dec-Jan.	Jan-Feb.
4·28	4·29	4·30
+4	+4	+4

COTTON.—The market is firm, and prices are advancing. Bengals and Saw Ginned Dharwar to-day being quoted Rs. 2, higher for this month's delivery and Oomras, Khandeish and Broach Re. 1 to Rs. 2 higher. There is a fair demand from shippers and mills for ready cotton, and rates are about Re. 1 to Rs. 2 higher all round.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

Bengal (H.-G.) (By, terms)	170	158	...	25th May.
Bengals, M. G (By terms)	178	168	...	
Sind-Punjab M. G. ...	176	166	...	
Oomrawatee (decepta) (M.-G.)	181	175	...	
Khandeish do. ...	173	167		
Jalgaon do. ...	175	169		
Khangaum fair staple (M.-G)	181	175	...	
Karanja do. do. do.				
Akola do. do. do.				
Oomra, good staple (M.G.)	190	184	...	
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G)	187	181	...	
Nagpore Kampti do	193	187	...	
Broach (M.-G.) ...	205	202	199	
Dharwar (S.-G) ...	...	...	207	
Westerns ...	...	...	191	

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 8.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	very steady
Surats	quiet
Good Showerger	...
The Manchester Market has been	firm
2 1-2 per cent Consols	89 13/16
3 per cent Rentes	99
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	105 3/4
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	85 7/8
Bar Silver	26 3/8

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.

'The local Manager, of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ld, has received a wire yesterday morning from the Head Office, announcing that the 5th issue of the Imperial Japanese Internal Loan of one hundred million yen, has been closed and the application amounted to yen 526,000,000, out of which yen 29,000,000, were above issue price.'

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How do you know them ?

By their pale, sallow, sunken, or bloated countenances ; by their dull, lack-lustre eyes ; by their puffy or dark circles under the eyes ; by their slow languid movements, blotched, pimpled, and unhealthy complexions, and general appearance of weakness and debility.

In addition to their outward appearance, how do they feel themselves ?

Weak, worn out, tired and restless, nervous, irritable, and easily worried over the merest trifles, feverish and chilly, short of breath, dizzy, rheumatic, and they suffer from pains in the back, irregular heart, neuralgia, sleeplessness, general debility, and are thoroughly run down.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys cause all these symptoms and many more.

Your kidneys are the most important organs of the body. Take care of them.

They work to keep you in health by removing all the poisonous uric acid from your blood.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, the great kidney remedy, cure unhealthy kidneys, help them to do their work, aid them to filter and purify the blood, and restore health to both men and women in all cases of kidney disorder, bad backs, dull, heavy pains across the loins, gravel bladder troubles, too much or too little urine, sediment, thick urine, rheumatism, sciatica, diabetes and Bright's disease, which is the worst form of neglected kidney complaint.

If you have to stoop at your work and find you cannot do so because of the pains in your back, if you have a lot of lifting, walking or riding to do, and when you come home at night you feel thoroughly tired, you may be sure you have overtaxed your kidneys. Help them with Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. You will feel brighter, better, and happier for it, and your kidneys, helped by the gentle action of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, will be able to do twice as much work, and do it thoroughly.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, which may be obtained from all chemists, have been in use for 72 years ; and we are so confident that this kidney medicine will help you as it has helped others, that we will gladly send you a sample box free by post, if you will kindly mention this paper. Please address your letter to Foster-Mc-Clellan Co., 8, Wells-street, Oxford-street, London, W., England.

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MAY 9.

General rain has fallen in Assam and Bengal, local rain in Bihar, Chota Nagpur, Malabar and Ceylon, Calcutta and Cherrapoonjee have received. 3 1-2 inches, Burdwan 3, Shillong 2 1-2 Saugor Island 2, Tezpur, Gauhati 1 1-2, Silchar, Barisal, Narayanganj, Jessore and Berhampore 1 inch. Rain is likely to continue in Assam and Bengal. Local rain is possible in the South Peninsular. Conditions are changing in Upper India.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A. M. ON TUESDAY, THE 9th OF MAY.

STATIONS.	Pressure 8 A.M.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Average hours.	Temperature in Shade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Humidity 8 A.M.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Since 1st June to date.	Variation, 1st June to date.
Bushire	29·891	NNW	9	93°	75·0	53	0·13	3·95	— 3·98
Jask	29·789	WSW	33	91·3	79·2	61	....	3·83	— 0·49
Muscat	29·817	Calm	5	103·2	90·5	59	....	6·01	+ 2·00
Aden (8th)	29·836	ESE	15	85·3	80·3	90	....	1·86	— 0·69
Labore	29·915	NE	2	109·2	82·3	38	....	3·47	— 0·40
Sirsa	29·645	Calm	5	110·3	83·6	30	....	2·73	+ 0·63
Delhi	29·841	W	5	104·7	85·2	29	....	4·08	+ 0·61
Agra	29·855	SW	5	105·0	84·4	37	....	4·15	+ 2·43
Cawnpore	29·681	SE	3	102·4	78·2	53	....	4·02	+ 1·93
Allahabad	29·719	ENE	4	101·1	81·6	67	....	3·31	+ 1·16
Jhansi	29·668	SW	7	?	80·7	49	....	1·89	+ 0·03
Jacobabad	29·631	ESE	5	112·0	84·8	12	....	0·47	+ 0·26
Karachi	29·792	WSW	18	91·9	75·7	63	....	3·31	+ 1·70
Joypore	29·708	WSW	5	110·2	84·1	31	....	2·71	+ 1·10
Ajmere	29·731	SW	16	105·3	79·0	35	....	1·75	+ 0·21
Deesa	29·742	WSW	12	103·1	80·0	58	....	0·09	— 0·41
Ahmedabad	29·826	NW	4	112·8	80·1	48	....	0·06	— 0·33
Bhuj	29·841	W	19	105·0	76·0	67	....	0·29	+ 0·01
Jamnagar	29·817	W	18	1·2·1	77·2	72	....	0·03	— 1·12
Dwarka	29·834	WSW	11	88·4	78·8	91	....	0·37	....
Rajkot	29·833	W	11	105·9	71·8	69	....	0·00	— 0·54
Bhavnagar Para	29·856	W	10	107·1	75·5	30	....	0·52	— 0·25
Veraval	29·831	W	4	85·6	76·3	81	....	0·09	— 0·72
Neemuch	29·748	WSW	13	109·1	81·7	22	....	0·54	— 0·45
Indore	29·784	NW	12	103·6	79·1	45	....	0·09	— 0·97
Saugor	29·864	W	7	102·4	85·6	15	....	1·20	— 1·31
Jubbulpore	29·696	SW	5	110·0	90·2	32	....	1·40	— 1·31
Hoshangabad	29·747	WSW	18	111·5	88·2	22	....	0·51	— 1·38
Khandwa	29·755	NNW	5	111··	84·6	25	....	0·06	— 1·22
Raipur	29·709	SW	16	103·	86·4	34	....	3·52	+ 0·91
Nagpur	29·732	SW	9	114·0	80·1	18	....	2·13	— 1·02
Amraoti	29·744	SSW	9	113·0	81·0	36	....	0·42	— 1·47
Akola	29·749	NW	14	112·6	79·9	45	....	1·32	— 2·10
Surat	29·850	S	6	100··	75·0	59	....	0·47	+ 0·15
Malegaon	29·764	NW	5	109·2	78·0	2·	....	0·01	— 1·12
Bombay	29·886	SSW	7	89··	80·0	82	....	0·08	— 0·6·
Poona	29·852	W	12	107·6	76·3	22	....	0·00	— 2·17
Ahmednagar	29·816	W	3	1·7·0	7···0	2·	....	0·01	— 2·22
Aurangabad	29·735	NNW	3	109·6	79·7	1·	....	0·05	.....
Sholapur	29·860	WNW	9	105·7	83·9	36	....	0·26	+ 2·18
Hatnagiri	29·872	Calm	5	89··	75··	79	....	0·00	— 0·74
Bijapur	29·768	S	7	105·4	81·1	46	....	0·15	— 2·53
Belgaum	29·850	WSW	9	97·6	76·9	84	0·06	1·25	— 3·25
Mormugoa	29·891	NW	6	89·0	81··0	71	....	0·10	— 2·21
Karwar	29·876	N	1	89··	79·5	73	....	0·00	— 2·35
Mangalore	29·879	Calm	5	90·9	79·9	74	....	0·52	— 4·02
Calicut	29·859	NW	2	91·2	77·2	79	0·14	0·47	— 18·98
Cochin	29·883	NNE	8	93·3	79·6	79	0··1	0·81	— 17·33
Bangalore	29·898	SW	7	90·5	71·7	71	....	1·38	— 3·05
Hyderabad (Deccan)	29·838	Calm	2	105·1	81·1	66	....	1·12	— 2·20
Masulipatam	29·858	SSE	14	96·1	82·0	90	....	7·82	— 0·26
Bellary	29·801	NW	4	105·5	82·3	47	0·01	3·26	— 0·25
Cuddapa	29·799	NW	G	106·2	83·1	61	....	0·33	— 5·19
Madras	29·854	S	9	93·5	80·0	67	....	7·18	— 14·21
Coimbatore	29·875	NE	4	100·4	76·1	76	....	1·67	— 6·38
Trichinopoly	29·866	E	3	102·1	80·3	72	....	5·09	— 7·05
Nagapatam	29·862	S	13	93·2	81·0	75	....	20·1·	— 11·39
Colombo	29·857	E	6	88·0	75·0	83	0·24	23·07	— 12·05

In colum Wind "Rate per hour" L=Light, M=Moderate, F=Fresh, S=Strong, H=Heavy.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been irregular, showing a brisk rise at Cawnpore and Allahabad and a brisk fall at Lahore, Akola, Aurangabad and Bijapur. The barometer is in moderate or considerable excess of normal in all districts except in the Punjab.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh to strong at Karachi, Jamnagar, Bhuj, Neemuch, Hoshangabad, Raipur, Akola, Masulipatam and Negapatam.

Temperature.—The maximum is 7° to 10° in excess of normal at Poona, Deesa and Jacobabad, and the minimum 6° to 11° in the Punjab and Rajputana and at Jacobabad, Jhansi and Sholapur. The highest temperature in the shade was 120° at Jacobabad and the lowest 71° at Belgaum.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast at Karachi, Raipur, Hyderabad (Deccan), Trichinopoly and Colombo.

Rain in light showers fell at Calicut, Cochin, and Colombo.

Weather.—Conditions are favourable for light local rain with thunder and lightning to the south of latitude 16°.

N. LESLIE.
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

MONDAY NIGHT.—MAY 8.

10 p.m.	82·3

TUESDAY DAY.—MAY 9.

6 p.m.	80·9
10 a.m.	86·4
2 p.m.	88·4
4 p.m.	87·4

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Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p. m.
Aga Khan Hockey Tournament, 5-10 p. m.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1905.

ENGLAND AND ALIENS.

WE could teach England many things if she would but study India. Like Australia, we do not ask that English law should be made to conform to Indian, but English statesmen would do well to ask us how we deal with objectionable foreigners. It is not always that we treat them other than as fellow subjects and as though they were entitled to respect, but when we do find them obnoxious we adopt the simplest and most summary method that can be conceived. We give them notice to quit, and failing compliance we put them on board a ship bound to the nearest port to their place of origin and see that they are on board when the ship sails. In case they again hear the east acalling we have a commodious jail in which they remain as guests of his Majesty until another ship can carry them away again. England is overrun with undesirable aliens, for up to the present they have welcomed every one who could not be claimed under Extradition treaties and given them equal opportunities with our own people. But it has recently been impressed upon our rulers that the alien is frequently very much in the way. Attention has been given to the subject and the other day in the Commons, the Home Secretary, Mr. Akers-Douglas, introduced a measure to regulate foreign immigration. In the course of his speech, which was frequently interrupted the right hon. gentleman gave some instructive statistics. He was able to show that in 1904 195,000 aliens were returned as having gone to England. Of these, 99,000 odd were described as transmigrants, and 12,000 as sailors. Though the destination of the remainder was not definitely known, some of them were known to have gone to America, but the greater proportion probably settled in England. The Opposition showed some impatience at the quotation of statistics, whereupon the Home Secretary desisted, contenting himself with undertaking at a later stage to prove that the number of undesirable aliens going to England had increased and that it had not only increased during the past year, but that the returns of the past three months showed a very large increase over the statistics of the three corresponding months in 1904. As evils, which these aliens brought in their train, Mr. Akers-Douglas instanced overcrowding, living in insanitary conditions, the lowering of the general standard of life, immorality and crime. Criminal statistics show that alien crime has steadily increased in England, both absolutely and relatively to the total prison population. In 1900, 3,138 alien prisoners were received in the prisons, and in 1904 the number was 4,774. Complaints have been made not only from Recorders, not only from the London stipendiary magistrates, who have very largely to deal with cases of aliens, but also from judges of the High Courts.

Under the new measure it is provided that no immigrant shall be landed from an immigrant ship, except at ports in England where there is an immigration officer appointed under the Act; such officers to be appointed at the eight principal ports extending from Leith to Southampton; that no immigrant shall land without the permission of the immigration officer given after he has made an inspection in company with a medical officer; that the immigration officer shall have power to refuse permission to land in the case of an immigrant who is without means of supporting himself, or who is a lunatic or idiot, diseased or infirm, and likely to become a charge upon the rates, or who has been sentenced abroad for an extradictable crime, not of a political character; that in regard to the aliens already living in England, the Home Secretary shall have power to make an order expelling an alien convicted of an offence for which he could be imprisoned without the option of a fine. And further, Magistrates will be free in the case of alien offenders, to recommend expulsion in lieu of, or in addition to, such sentence as they may be empowered to impose. There seems to be nothing unfair in these proposals. It is not proposed to make the Act apply under ordinary circumstances to the regular cross-Channel passenger traffic between the French coast and Dover or Folkestone; but there will probably be some reservation of authority to act there also when necessary. It is remarked that whilst the supporters of the Government received the measure enthusiastically, the Opposition refrained from expressing disapproval in the forcible manner they adopted last year. It is believed, however, that very considerable resistance will be offered when the Bill reaches a more advanced stage. Liberals are said to be dissatisfied with the bearing which the Exclusion Clauses may have upon the right of political asylum in England, and this is likely to be made the controversial point of the Bill. The Labour party regard the matter indifferently, failing to see that it has a national application and considering that it has merely an important reference to the East End of London. But they would have the Bill make it illegal to employ aliens at less wages than the standard British Trade Union rate of wages.

Although, as we have said, it is not probable so determined opposition will be offered as was the case with the predecessor of the present Bill, Sir Charles Dilke means to do his utmost to stir up his following against it. In his speech in criticism of the measure, according to London correspondents, he was heated and almost violent. Says one: "He was pale with passion; he shouted angrily as he has never before been heard to shout. Amid conflicting cheers he announced that the Bill would be opposed from the Radical side. He denied any increase in the alien population; he wrathfully proclaimed that the Bill interfered with the right of asylum; that it was a retrograde step and unworthy of the country." He contended that it interfered with the right of asylum without any proved necessity at a time when that right was never more needed. All he could say against the Bill which will require answering was that there has been no increase of alien population and that the alien population in England is trifling as compared with the alien population of every other country in the world. Statements of the kind can very easily be disproved and there is more hope for this very desirable measure passing into law that it will proceed through the House side by side with one dealing with the problem of the unemployed in the Metropolis.

EMIGRANTS AND IMMIGRANTS.

WHILE Great Britain, somewhat late, is considering the restriction of the inflow of undesirable aliens into the United Kingdom, it is well to be reminded that the emigration laws of other countries may be made to assist usefully in diminishing immigration. Hungary has a drastic law imposing restrictions on emigration and safeguarding the interests of emigrants, and Austria is about to follow the example of her sister Kingdom and of Italy in this matter, but with a difference. The Reichsrath will shortly have to consider a measure for the control of Austrian emigration that presents many new features of interest to England, both in regard to the alien question and in reference to the commercial view point. The main object of the Government seems to be the regulation of contract labour engaged for service in other countries. As there are between three and four thousand aliens from Austria-Hungary permanently added to the population of Great Britian every year and many of these are miners, a restriction on their departure from their native countries will not be to the disadvantage of British workers. It is proposed to prohibit any agent engaging Austrian workmen for service in a foreign country in so far as the laws of the country in question forbid the admission of contract labourers. The only countries which at present prohibit the immigration of contract labour are Australia and the United States. If England adopts a restriction of this character it will assist the English and Welsh miners who have already petitioned Government to put a stop to the importation of miners from Austria-Hungary. Austria is an important recruiting ground for labour for other European countries, but if the Aliens Bill, now before the British Parliament, include a clause against contract labour, similar to the restriction in force in the Commonwealth and the United States, it will become illegal to ship contract labourers from Austria to the British Isles. While the interests of the intending Austrian emigrant were protected those of the British workman would be safeguarded in a most desirable manner. The proposed Austrian legislation, however, will materially affect transportation and shipping Companies. The measure provides that a transportation Company, whether Austrian or foreign, shall have a license before it will be allowed to do business of any kind in Austria. Moreover, no license will be issued to any foreign Company unless it appoints as its agent a resident Austrian citizen who will be bonded to Government and held responsible for the action of the Company and will have to submit all claims and disputes, no matter where arising, to the decision of the Austrian Law Courts.

It is probable that ultimately there will be an Imperial decree providing that no Austrian shall emigrate without an official permit. As in Italy and Hungary, power is taken in the Bill for the Ministry of the Interior to supervise passenger and baggage rates. If other European countries adopt a provision of this nature an emigrant rate war among steamship Companies will be impossible without the consent of the various Governments. The State emigration funds will be raised by stamp duties and license fees, but transportation Companies are required to contribute to the cost of the measures taken on behalf of the emigrants. The extent of such contributions is to be decided by the Ministry of the Interior. Hungary already exacts contributions on this account from the steamship Companies and portion of the money so raised goes to a fund for the benefit of emigrants en route. The rest is allocated to the administration of the emigration service and the State generally. One admirable feature of the proposed law is that it makes a serious attempt to legislate against what has come to be known as the "white slave" traffic. The business of recruiting women for immoral purposes in foreign countries has assumed large dimensions in Austria, but the new measure provides severe fines and penalties for engaging in the traffic directly or indirectly. Offences under the provisions dealing with this subject may be punished by three years' imprisonment and a fine of £200. To ensure the efficacy of the the measure in all its provisions wide powers are given to the Ministry of the Interior to frame regulations for carrying out the law when it has been enacted. England has no reason to be dissatisfied that legislation of this character is finding favour on the Continent. The tendancy is for European countries to "protect" emigrants who come under the prohibited classes of other countries by making their transportation illegal. The best way, therefore, for Great Britain to assist the Continental countries to retain their subjects whose presence is undesired in England is to pass an adequate immigration restriction law.

MOTOR DRIVERS' LICENSES.

WE are glad to see that in England the Automobile Club has decided to take into its own hands the examination of and the granting of certificates to qualified drivers. A motorist correspondent points out that the benefits of this decision will be fourfold. First, the public will be assured that motor-car drivers have been tried and not found wanting in the safe conduct of automobiles upon the public highways; secondly, there will be the checking of the evil of interested persons, styling themselves motoring academies, schools, and what not, issuing certificates to motor servants; thirdly, the recognition of the Club's driving certificates by the Governments of foreign countries, by which the British automobilist abroad will be saved the inconvenience and annoyance of passing a driving test under the eye of a foreign official; and, fourthly, the obtaining of genuine driving certificates by persons, seeking employment as skilled automobile drivers. While private drivers, once passed, will not be required to qualify a second time, paid drivers will only have their certificates granted for one year at a time, and then at the discretion of the the Club. In conjunction with the issue of such certificates this Club also proposes to undertake the issue to persons qualified to receive them of certificates for proficiency in mechanical knowledge, in automobile construction, and for ability to wash, clean, and keep cars in order. We do not know if the Motor Union of Western India contemplates following the lead of the Automobile Club, but it would be well to take the matter into serious consideration. Few of the so-called drivers employed by Bombay motorists can drive at all and fewer still could pass an examination in mechanical knowledge. If the Union took up the matter the value of the driver would rise and the danger of accidents would diminish. In considering the question of renewing the annual license, testimonials as to honesty in the handling of petrol, stores and implements, as well as the ability to drive, might well be taken into account.

THE R. I. M. S. Clive has been towed out of the Government Dockyard to be broken up for which purpose she was sold for something over a lakh and a half of rupees, a couple of weeks ago. The Clive, which was purchased by Mr. Moosa Hajee Cassum, is now off the Gunpowder Bunder.

THOSE interested in work amongst the poor in Bombay will be glad to know that the Work-Room, opened by the Ladies Committee of the European and Eurasian Poor Fund Association, last year, is now giving employment to between 30 and 40 women. Orders for needlework can be satisfactorily executed. The public are asked to encourage an undertaking so deserving of support and to visit the Room and see for themselves the work that is being done. The "Room" has recently been moved to premises below the Methodist Episcopal Parsonage, Bolarum Road, Grant Road, to accommodate the increased number of workers.

THE case of the two Irish members (Mr. William O'Brien and Captain Bill) who are to be summoned at the instance of their respective opponents to attend the service of the House of Commons recalls the fact that in the early days of Parliament there was often considerable difficulty in getting elected members of Parliament to turn up at all. It was considered an expense and a nuisance, and members had often to be fined for non-attendance. In one recorded instance, two Oxfordshire gentlemen, on being elected to Parliament much against their will, promptly went into hiding. The "hue and cry" was raised upon them like any felons fleeing from justice, and they were captured and ignominiously conveyed to Parliament willy-nilly. Clearly the House of Commons was not then the best club in Europe.

AT the great military camp at Chalons, which is shortly to be visited by King Alfonso of Spain, there is still standing a pavilion in which Napoleon III used to stay during his annual visits. Among some papers recently discovered in the building was the following distinctly original petition from an old soldier. The mistakes in the spelling are simulated as closely as possible in the translation:—"Sire, I conteracted under your deare uncle two mortal woundes, which are the ornament of my life, one in the left leg and the other in the battle of Wagram. If these two aneckedotes seem suceptible to you of a tobacconist's shop I shall bo an eternal gratitude to you. I have already that of thanking you in advance. (Signed) Jean Pacot, ex-corporal of the Young Guard.—P.S. Madame Pacot will be very grateful for your amability, and begs you to say many amable things to yore wive. Please prepay the reply. Aneckaed are the papers to prove." One is glad to learn that the brave Pacot was given the desired permission to open a tobacconist's shop, though we are not told whether the Empress Eugenie desired "to say many amable things" to Madame Pacot.

A VIENNA corrospondent writes:—It was in 1888 that the Austrian meteorologist Herr Z. F. Nowack came first before the public with his discovery of the weather plant (Arbus precatorius L. nobilis N.,) which is extremely sensible to changes and disturbances in the atmosphere and indicates them long beforehand by a corresponding alteration of the position of its leaves. Herr Nowack now declares that by a special method of cultivation he has been able very considerably to augment these natural properties of the plant, and that on his observations of the plant and the sunspots he has built up a new system of weather forecasts. Since some Englishmen have promised to place at his disposal the means necessary for the foundation of a weather-plant institute in London if a similar observatory should be erected in Vienna, Herr Nowack endeavoured to raise funds in Austria for that purpose, and Herr Nowack has at last attained his object and is already occupied with the establishment of the institute in Vienna. He asserts that his system will enable an observatory to predict the weather three to eight days in advance, and earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and choke damp catastrophes even 24 to 28 days in advance. Herr Nowack intends leaving for Mexico in the summer, in order to bring back to Europe about 2,000 weather-plants necessary for his institutes, which will probably commence work and the despatch of weather reports in spring, 1906.

"IF pigs had wings what fine game they would be thought!" we have heard a porklover say, with an enthusiasm worthy of the author of the "Essay on Roast Pig." Even if we do not all like pork, we all have a tenderness for pigs. The first thing that a child or a townsman does when he visits a farmyard is to go and see the pigs. Now we find that there is a subtle propriety in our admiration of the pig in this country, for, according to the "County Gentleman," the English pig is the most highly civilised pig in the world. Indeed he approaches the ideal of what a perfect pig should be. When the Austrians were engaged in improving the breed of pigs in their new province of Bosnia, we are told, their farming experts would have liked to introduce Berkshire pigs. But they were too civilised. We have shortened their snouts and lowered their stature so much that they can only live in sties or on very smooth ground. They are almost drawing-room pigs, adds the writer, affectionately. This would not do at all in Bosnia, where the poor pigs are turned out into the forests to "root" for their own livelihood and may have to travel far to make a meal. A long-snouted, long-legged porker with a turn of speed is what is wanted in Bosnia. The Berkshire pig, reared in the lap of luxury, would perish of starvation.

FAKES AND FRAUDS.

(BY AN OLD COLLECTOR.)

False hood and Fraud shoot up in every soil,
The product of all climes.
—*Addison.*

This is a collecting epoch, and an epoch that may slip more quickly by than the curio dealer in his pride imagines. The rage for collecting has grown steadily until the demand for curios, the craze for old glass, and old prints, and old furniture, has become more and more acutely keen. What could be "picked up" for a five pound note fifteen or even ten years ago, now fetches its ten or twenty pounds. The demand for the antique having therefore become so great that even suburban households want their old glass and their old china, the supply has, of course, become far less. What is the result? The genuine article has become correspondingly more and more expensive; this is only fair; for the dealer, who has more trouble in finding a genuine Worcester plate or vase, or a Battersea box, naturally asks far more than he would have done ten years ago; and the collector, who, whether he has collected for the mere love of curios, or for the more sordid sake of making a sound investment, will find his collection is worth at least twice as much as he paid for it. This is sound financial success, both for dealer and collector, but a great source of growing annoyance to the private collector and unsound finance for the dealer is the appalling fact that to supply this constant demand for "antiques" this country is being flooded with cheap foreign imitations. These imitations says a writer in the "Pall Mall Gazette" are not like the worthless toys and rubbish which are imported stamped "made in Germany"; they are not only cruelly excellent imitations, bue they are not stamped at all. Therein lies the fraud on the public. To what country could we export imitations free of charge or duty, and yet we peaceably put up with "old English glass" from Holland and Germany, "Battersea" enamels made in Paris, and other frauds and imitations which I will proceed herewith to describe, and I hope to some extent expose, for the sake of those who intend to "collect."

A dealer at the seaside told me a few weeks ago that a German traveller for a Dutch firm came to his shop and offered him for sale some "Old English glass." The price stamped it at once as a fraud, for genuine Old English wine-glasses will fetch from 7s. 6d. each and upwards, even from a dealer, whereas these were only 10d. apiece. The way to tell Old English cut glass is to feel the lower surface, where the irregularity in the cutting (done by hand) distinguishes the antique from the modern glass, which is cut by machinery. This irregularity had been fairly successfully imitated in this case, and the dealer said he might have been taken in himself if they had not been offered at such a price. He declined the glasses on the ground that he did not want any frauds in his shop; but the wily traveller pointed out to him that the old glass was getting more and more difficult to pick up, and that the demand was great, and so on, and so on. Eventually the dealer, whom I do not attempt to justify, as it would take a merciful Recording Angel to whitewash a dealer in "modern antiques," took sixteen pieces of the glass. I may add that in a short time that which were left in his shop had turned a sickly greenish shade; but the dealer had doubtless made enough profit to cover his loss.

One more word on old glass. A friend of mine, who is a connoisseur, was lunching with another friend the other day, on purpose to see some wonderful old glass she had picked up, soiled and dusty, from a back shelf in a small country shop. The whole of it was wrong, but the connoisseur wisely refrained from saying so, for, as he said to me after luncheon "I hadn't the heart to tell her it's wrong, for, after all it is no business of mine and you don't go out to luncheon to crab your hostess' favourite things."

Silk pictures and old needlework samplers are cleverly imitated over in Germany, and the would-be collector should if he is a novice, pause thoughtfully before the sampler worked in faded old-world shades and signed by Hannah Brown, remember that if any one got his or her just due, it should, in reality, be signed by Fraulein Braun!

"Old" stained glass is another well-known successful "fake," and is made by the ton in Paris, where stained glass panels, with "coats of arms," cost 7 or 8 francs, and fetch 2 guineas each when brought over here.

My collector friend, who had a beautiful piece of genuine stained glass, and was negotiating with a dealer in Paris to sell it to him for two guineas and a half, giving, of course, a guarantee, received a letter from the would-be purchaser, saying, "I can get dozens of these here for 8 francs each," and my friend wrote back, and said, "All right; please send me two gross at once—but kindly guarantee each piece." Needless to say, he is still awaiting his order to be fulfilled.

Lowestoft china is largely copied over in Paris, and I saw a bowl sold the other day at an auction sale, which fetched three pounds twelve shillings and six pence, and which my collector told me was wrong, and could not have cost more than 21 francs!

Toby jugs (copies of old Staffordshire ware)—dear old reminiscent, suggesting Toby jugs—are imported freely from Belgium, and those who wish to collect anything so truly hideous as a Toby jug should, if wisely advised, take an expert with them, both when they visit the dealer or an auction sale. My friend once had a rare stroke of luck with a genuine Toby jug, in perfect condition, which he secured at a private sale for three shillings and sixpence, as there were only two local dealers in the room and they both mistook it for a forgery.

A certain Paris maker of old English china, a man whose name is a byword in every sale room in England is said to have made over half a million out of "imitation genuines." He gives large sums of money now and again for a genuine piece he has carefully copied; and he sends people over to the museums here to "kodak" especial pieces for copying purposes. This man evidently relies, with consummate faith, on the truth of Carlyle's criticism on his own countrymen, when he said they were "mostly fools."

The Chelsea gold anchor mark provides great scope for imitative talent and people often show a forgery to my friend, with the proud comment. It has the real gold anchor mark on the back. As to other frauds, the market is flooded with bronze and silver lustre jugs and lustre plates, and cream ewers, their intrinsic value being from sixpence to three shillings each. These fetch large prices here, which vary according to the gullibility of the collector, and the dealers knowledge of how to keep them dusty and half hidden, and well mixed in with genuine goods.

I bought what I imagined to be a beautiful piece of Plymouth china at a sale not long ago. Indeed, I felt sure it was genuine; but, to be absolutely certain of the fact, I sent for a dealer whom I knew I could trust, and asked him to examine it. He looked at it for a long time, and then, to my delight, pronounced it genuine. "I thought it was," I said in triumph, "because I saw among the flowers how the dirt was greased in, and even caked with age. It's more than merely put on dust."

The dealer smiled. That, I fear, would not show it is genuine, he said, for they keep pails of mould, in which they bury these things after they have made them, so as to get the dirt well into the corners. I did not ask him how he knew!

How can you tell the genuine article then? I asked in dismay. He shrugged his shoulders. One's eye gets accustomed, he said. I can generally tell by the glaze, but I must confess I can sometimes only detect a fraud in a good strong light—and it must be daylight.

Perhaps, of all frauds, that of making antique furniture is one of the most successful, so much so that even experts are often deceived; Austrian workmen are particularly clever at this kind of work. "Old" Sheffield plate is another well-known fake, and even as you can get your latchkey dipped in silver on the Margate, jetty for threepence, so is the faked "old" Sheffield "dipped." The design is first made in copper, and then dipped—and, needless to add, shows the copper beneath after a few earnest applications of brush and plate powder. When you think how many years the genuine Sheffield will wear and wash and clean without showing the copper beneath, this seems a particularly wicked and vicious fraud on the collecting public. A partner in a high-class firm of Sheffield silversmiths once told my friend that they could easily make five thousand a year more if they liked themselves to copying old plate, which is now made with the sole intention of cheating the public.

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FRENCH NEUTRALITY.

THE JAPANESE COMPLAINTS.

POSITION IN MANCHURIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MAY 8.

An official statement issued in Paris states that the Government not only sent most positive instructions to the authorities in Indo-China to enforce neutrality regulations, but has unremittingly seen to the execution of these instructions.

Reuter learns that the Japanese complaints are mainly directed against the provisioning and equipping of the Baltic ships from neutral shores.

General Linievitch telegraphs the Japanese cavalry drove back his mounted outposts on the 4th instant.

LONDON, MAY 9.

The Japanese Minister in Paris has not lodged a formal protest with the French Government, but pointed out the facilities accorded to the Russians for concentration and re-victualling in Indo-China.

M. Delcasse assured him that France would scrupulously respect neutrality.

The papers admit the situation is unsatisfactory, but do not consider it is critical.

The "Standard" says it is not surprised the Japanese are bitterly aggrieved at the assistance given to the enemy, but trusts they will refrain from any semblance of dictation. Tokio, it adds, would be playing the game of St. Petersburg by introducing into the war new factors of incalculable magnitude.

A telegram from Saigon, dated the 8th, says the Russians have left Honkohe and gone southwards towards another Bay where the French naval ships are located.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky stated he was leaving immediately.

LATER.

The "Morning Post" in an article to-day, says no one in England dreams of escaping from the obligations of our Japanese alliance. The maintenance of the entente cordiale is only possible if Great Britain and France abstain from assisting their respective Allies, and the people of Great Britain rely on the chivalry of the French to strictly observe neutrality.

The French resent considerably the charges of violation of neutrality and insist that they have done every thing possible from the moment Admiral Rozhdestvensky arrived unannounced at Kamranh Bay, but are certainly now bestirring themselves to move on Rozhdestvensky whenever he shows signs of stopping in French waters.

THE SHIPPING RATE WAR.

Calcutta Freights Reduced.

LONDON, MAY 8.

Owing to the rate war the Liverpool Lines of steamers to-day reduced the rate of freight on rough goods to Calcutta by five shillings.

FIRE AT ST. PETERSBURG.

Shipyard Conflagration.

Fourteen buildings in the Newski ship-building yard were destroyed by fire last night and six partly so.

DEATH OF A RACE HORSE.

FALLS DOWN A KHUD.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

POONA, MAY 9.

A fatal accident occurred to a race horse near Katraj Ghaut, yesterday, when Malite, a well-known racer and winner of several races on the flat and over hurdles in different parts of India, dropped down the khud while on her way to Mahableswar and was killed on the spot. From news brought in this morning, it appears she took fright at a kite on the wing and breaking loose from her picket near Katraj Ghaut got safely through the tunnel and careered across the hills before she met her fate She was first brought from Australia by the Kour Saheb of Patiala and was last owned by Mr. "J. P." who gave a big price for her.

DASTUR HOSHANG JAMASJI ILL.

News has been received in Poona of the serious illness of Sardar Dastur Hoshang Jamash, High Priest of the Parsees in the Deccan, at Mahableshwar. For the last few days the venerable gentleman has been unconscious. His son Khan Bahadur Mehr Hoshang with medical aid from Poona left by a motor car this afernoon.

Later intelligence says that the Dastur is progressing favourably.

AFTER PORT ARTHUR.

THE WOUNDED AND STOESSEL.

COLOMBO, MAY 8.

The Russian hospital ship Inkula has arrived at Colombo, packed with wounded men from Port Arthur.

Most of the men have been through the siege from the start to the finish. Some of them were on crutches, others had their arms in slings, and a few had their heads bandaged.

Among them was a soldier who speaks English well. He thought that General Stoessel was "no good," and added he was not a brave soldier, and not kind to the men.

The soldier's opinion of most of the officers was also a poor one. The only brave officer, he thought was General Koch, who was good to the men and, fought with them. The other officers did not fight with the men. When the Japanese came to take the forts, the officers were ill in bed. After the men had finished fighting they would crawl out and say: "Very good men; thank you." The officers, according to him, did very little else but get drunk and look after their own skins, with a few honourable exceptions.

He believed there were plenty of rations in Port Arthur when it was surrendered, for just before the Japanese got in, a large quantity was destroyed. That the Russian soldiers were starving was however true, because for some reason or other the allowance for some time had been very small. He did not think it necessary to surrender.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE KITCHENER FUND.

LONDON, MAY 8.

The King has given one hundred guineas to General Kitchener's Relief Fund.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 9.

The subscriptions to Lord Kitchener's Gurkha Fund, received in India, already amounts to almost 17,000 rupees. The principal subscribers are the Prime Minister of Nepa Rs. 5,000; Lord Kitchener Rs. 3,000; the Viceroy, General Sir A. Gaselee Colonel W. Unwin, late 5th Gurkhas, and Messrs. Spinner and Co., Bombay, each Rs. 1,000. The officers and men of the 1st Brahmans, Major General Walter Kitchener, the Commander-in-Chief's personal staff; Mr. J. D. Sassoon, each Rs. 500; Major General Clements and Messrs. King, King and Co., Bombay, each Rs. 250.

THE PUNJAB EARTHQUAKE FUND.

The following further subscriptions to the Punjab Earthquake Relief Fund have been received by the Bank of Bombay:—

	Rs. a. p.
Amount already acknowledged...	26,603-11-9
Thacker Soap and Co	50
D. M. S.	25
J. D.	10
A Parsi.....	10
In memory of the late Bai Bakhai-ji Edalji Davar	32-10 3
Rustamji Kawasji Kavana.....	2
L. N. Banaji.....	50
Proprietors of Vibrona per Charles W. White £25	375
Richardson and Cruddas	250
In memory of Mr. Kassumbhoy M. Sayani	100
Cawasji D. Mahiuxmivala	10
In memory of Mr. Hasan Ibrahim Sayani	100
Total.....	Rs. 27,021-3-0

DEATH OF A PUNJAB OFFICER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 9.

Death is reported to-day of Capt. J. G. Crosthwaite, Settlement Officer, Dera Ismail Khan. He was a young officer of the Punjab Commission.

BISHOP COTTON SCHOOL IN TENTS.

A number of tents has been set up in the compound of Bishop Cotton School where the boys are now comfortably provided for.

THE COMING MONSOON.

The first meteorological telegrams of the season from the Indian Ocean stations have arrived, but do not show that any very definite monsoon conditions have so far established themselves to the South. It appears that pressure was normal during the last week at the Seychelles, in moderate defect at Zanzibar and in slight excess in Mauritius. Winds were light and variable at the Seychelles, southerly at Zanzibar and east-south-easterly in Mauritius Zanzibar reports 5·50 inches of rain during the week. The South-East Trade-winds have fallen off considerably during the last few days in Mauritius.

BENGAL LANDHOLDERS AND PRIMARY EDUCATION.

CALCUTTA, MAY 9.

A letter on the subject of the Rural Primary School's resolution has been sent to the local Government by the Bengal Landholders' Association. It begins be expressing agreement with the views enunciated by the Government as to the aims and general character of rural education, while protesting against the suggestion that instruction is needed by agriculturists for purpose of protection against landlords and grain dealers.

HEAVY RAIN IN CALCUTTA.

It has been raining in Calcutta incessantly all last night. To-day the city is darkened with clouds and the wind has the force of a small cyclone.

INDIANS AND JAPANESE.

LAHORE, MAY 9.

The authorities of the Dayanand Anglo-Vedic College, Lahore, have made arrangements for teaching the Japanese language. A new class will be opened in a few days, and the teacher selected is Mr. Goto, a graduate of the Tokio Imperial University, who has already arrived here.

Indian students proceeding to Japan to receive a technical education had to spend nearly a year in that country in learning its language. The arrangement in question will obviate this, and enable such students to acquire a competent knowledge of Japanese in India itself.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, MAY 9.

The following officers have qualified in subject (c) for promotion to Major:—Captains Preston, 40th Pathans; Bridges, 2-5th Gurkhas, Perkins, 2-6th Gurkhas; Slingsby, 22nd Cavalry, and Wynter, 52nd Sikhs. Lieutenants Govan, 1-5th Gurkha Rifles, and Routh, 56th Infantry.

For promotion to Captain:—Lieutenants Robertson, Glasgow and Basseth, Royal Artillery.

The appointment of Examiner of Russian in India will in future be held by an officer of the Intelligence Branch of the Quarter-Master General's Department.

Major A. T. H. Newnham who has hitherto filled the appointment has vacated on proceeding on leave.

ARRIVALS, MAY 9.

Major C. M. Cartwright, D. A. A. G., on leave from Nasirabad.

Lieut. H. S. Eliot, R. A., on duty from Poona.

DEPARTURES, May 9.

Major C. M. Cartwright, D. A. A. G., on leave to Castle Rock.

2nd. Lt. E. K. Squires, R. E., on duty to Kirkee.

2nd. Lt. Z. G. Burnester, R. F. A., on duty to Belgaum.

THE AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

THIRD DAY.

According to the regular programme, the Bombay Gymkhana should have played the Old Boys on the Cathedral High School, yesterday afternoon, on the Cooperage, but an alteration was subsequently made in the fixtures and announced in the morning dailies that the East Lancashire Regiment from Poona would meet the Pioneer Hockey Club on the same ground instead. The popularity of the teams which have entered for the Tournament evidently weigh with the sporting public of Bombay and this may account for the marked difference in the number of spectators who assembled to witness yesterday afternoon's contest. Had the local Gymkhana and the Old Boys met, as originally arranged, anticipation would have run high to have seen two splendid exponents of the game meet and the result would naturally have attracted a larger concourse of onlookers. The Cooperage has always proved an attractive recreation ground at the best of times and in these simmering Dog days attracts a larger number the health-seeking populace of the city than at any other time. The opportunity of adding to the pleasures of a cool outing afforded by an interesting hockey match drew a fairly good gathering yesterday afternoon, and the match, which was played, proved a fairly equally contested one between the opposing teams, though it was evident from the point of view of the spectators that the Europeans were heavier and scored because of their sturdiness. The Pioneers Club, which is an admixture purely of Indians, include among their number some very fine players, and yesterday they all gave an exceedingly creditable account of themselves, despite the fact that by pure hard luck they lost by a very narrow margin. The game on the Marine Lines ground between "The Green Howards" and the Elphinstone High School was also an interesting one, although it failed to attract as many spectators as on the Cooperage ground. The students of the local school were by no means a light item to reckon with, but in contending with a Military team, despite a correct conception of the game and playing it with credit to themselves, want of stamina against sturdy Britons told, and the latter snatched a victory by a narrow margin of one goal. The Military, it must be said, played the game correctly, despite their promiscuous hard hitting, but the schoolboys must be accredited with the fact that had they been opposed to less violent on-slaughts their chances of victory would have been very rosy. Details:—

EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT

vs.

PIONEER H. C.

Play commenced at 5-15 p.m., the East Lancs defending the Bandstand end. Within a minute of the start there was an interruption owing to one of the Lancashire men breaking his stick. On resuming the Lancs pressed vigorously, but the ball went wide From the bully on the Pioneer, "25" Sabavala broke away and brought the game dangerously up into the Lancashire half where the ball was sent into touch. Soon after the Pioneers obtained a corner but failed to convert and the war was carried back to near the Pioneer circle where an exciting skirmish ensued. Lam was promptly to the rescue and again transferred the venue of hostilities, the ball eventually being driven wide of the posts. From bully on the Lancashire "25," Lieutenant Goff broke through and brought the game to midfield where sticks against one of the Pioneers forwards enhanced the Poona team's chances of scoring. At this stage the Pioneer full backs and goal-keeper were given a very busy time of it and more than once scoring appeared inevitable, but the Pioneers played a grand defensive game and every attempt of the Lancashires was foiled and the sphere was eventually driven over the soundary line. The Pioneers circle was once again invaded and but for the Pioneers oustodian rushing out in the nick of time, the Lancashires would have now led. Near the Pioneers circle "carry" against one of their own forwards made matters once again very hot for them, but nothing resulted, though the Pioneers were for some time after this hemmed in in their own half. Aziz then relieved the pressure and with some excellent passing by the Pioneer forwards which followed the ball was worked dangerously into the Lancashire circle where the latter's custodian accounted for a lucky save. Tables now seemed to have turned, for the Pioneers now became the agressors and pressed most vigorously giving their opponent a few anxious moments, and but for a little misjudgment on the part of their centre forward they would certainly this time have scored. Give and take play followed till the half time whistle was piped, neither side having scored.

On changing ends the Lancashires from the resumption became the aggressors and got well in front of the Pioneers' goal where Lieutenant Goff sent in good shot which found the net. The goal, however, was disallowed as the shot was sent in from just a few inches out of the circle. The "bully" off found the Pioneers making a vigorous attack. An exciting skirmish with the Pioneer circle followed and Wilson had to rush out and kick the sphere back just in the nick of time to save. A corner, in favour of the Pioneers followed but without result, and the game was soon after carried into the Pioneer circle from where Randall sent in a well-judged one and scored the first goal of the evening. The bully at midfield found the Poona team maintaining the better of hostilities till Spencer forced a retreat, but only obtained a corner. Foul against one of the Pioneer forwards carried the war back into their own half, but the Lancashires were soon after again repulsed and the ball eventually grazed the goal post. This was repeated within the next minute of play and it certainly looked as if matters would soon be equalized. With five minutes left to play the game became intensely exciting, but no score was added and the game ended in a victory for the Lancashire Regiment by the following margin:—

EAST LANCASHIRES..... One Goal
PIONEER H. C. ..... Nil.

The following players represented the respective teams:—

EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT:—Goal—Pte Wilson. Backs—Sergt. Johnson and Lieut. Agar. Half backs—Pte. Hubberstey, Lieut Goff, and Sergt. Cuttle. Forwards—Dr. Kirtlan, Corpl. Hine, Corpl. Wadlow, Pte Randall, and Pte Cotton.

PIONEER H. C.—Goal—S. K. Mehta. Backs—N. Lam and S. A. Aziz. Half backs—W. R. Spencer, B. Subavala and R. Panthaki. Forwards—B. C. Sen, B. Shivram, B. Baloo, B. K. Panthaki and P. C. Chenoy,

Referees—Messrs. E. R. Fischer and C. M. Ward.

"THE GREEN HOWARDS" vs. ELPHINSTONE HIGH SCHOOL.

Play commenced punctually at 5-10 p. m. The Elphinstone High School began the pressing in which Kothare and Fraser were the most conspicuous. They were, however, soon repulsed and an exciting scrimmage was witnessed in front of the School goal, where Wagle saved at the expense of a corner. The boys then again became the aggressors and gave the Howards a few busy moments in their circle, the sphere eventually being driven just a foot wide of the goal posts. Several further attempts were made by the boys to score, but every shot appeared to have been misjudged. The forwards of the Green Howards once more took up the attack and notched a corner but failed to convert. This proved to their advantage, for no sooner the ball was driven into the circle Captain Swan sent in a splendid shot and scored the first goal of the evening. The school boys at this stage endeavoured their utmost to equalize matters but failed, and the half time whistle sounded with the Howards leading by one goal to love.

After the usual interval play was resumed when the Green Howards almost immediately put their opponents on the defensive. "Fouls" now became the order of the day and several interruptions were thus caused. The remaining period of game passed without anything worthy of note and the match ended as follows:—

THE GREEN HOWARDS ..... One Goal
ELPHINSTONE H. S..... Nil.

The following were the teams.—

"THE GREEN HOWARDS." Goal—Pte. Carpenter, Backs—Corporal Cutlar and Lieut. McDowel, Half-Backs—Lce.-Cpl Goldsborough, Pte. Cunningham and Lce.-Cpl. Mitchell. Forwards—Lt. Cumberbatch, Capt. Swan, Lt. Langon, Pte. Fraser and Pte. Walker.

ELPHINSTONE HIGH SCHOOL:—Goal—Vaidya. Backs—Wags and Kamat; Half-backs—Kulkarni, Shadekar and Sanjiri. Forwards—K. G. Kothare, Ajunikya, Vijaykar, Wagle, and V. M. Kothare.

Referees—Messrs. N. George and L. Ward.

The Bombay Gymkhana meet the Cathedral Old Boys on the Cooperage this afternoon, while the Ajmere Athletic Club play the Elphinstone College team on the Marine Lines Ground, play in both matches commencing at 5 10 p.m.

The game on Monday last between the Parel Gymkhana and the New High School which ended in a pointless draw on Monday last will be replayed on the Cooperage ground at 7-10 a.m. this morning.

The following players will represent the Bombay Gymkhana in the match against the Cathedral Old Boys on the Cooperage this afternoon:—

Goal.—P. J. Arnot. Backs—H. F. Busch and C. M. Ward. Halves—S. Phillips, P. R. Cadell, and G. W. Dawson. Forwards—Capt. A. F. W. King, J. H. Griffiths, B. Turnbull, R. H. Marsh and P. F. Fischer.

INDIAN INVENTIONS AND DESIGNS.

APPLICATIONS in respect of the undermentioned inventions have been filed, under the provisions of the Inventions and Designs Act of 1888, in the office of the Secretary appointed under that Act during the week ending 29th April:—Charles Showler Woodroffe chartered patent agent, of 188 Fleet street, London. Improvements in Linotype machines. Peter Ross, Captain, and signal engineer, North Western Railway, Lahore, Punjab, India. Key locking cabin or other levers in interlocking frames on railways, Societe Generale de la Soie Artificielle Linkmeyer. Societe Anonyme of No. 14 Rue Simonis Brussels, Belgium. The manufacture of artifical threads from solutions of cellulose. Societe Generale de la Soie Artificielle Linkmeyer, Societe Anonyme, of No. 14 Rue Simonis, Brussels, Belgium. The manufacture of artificial threads from solutions of cellulose, Darling's Patent Automatic Coupling, Limited, having its registered office at 79 West Regent street, Glasgow. Improvements in automatically coupling and uncoupling railway carriages, waggons and other vehicles, James Francis Herbert Collet, civil engineer, of 293 Lordship lane, Dulwich. Apparatus for recording the movements of locomotives, vehicles or machinery, William Alban Richards, contractor, and Charles Benjamin Bedrup motor mechanic, both of 27 Chancery lane, London. Improvements relating to gas, oil and like engines, Benjamin Thomas Lindsay Thomson, engineer of 117 North Side, Clapham Common, Improvements in tyres for wheels, David Dhanakoti Raju senior partner in the firm of Messrs. D. Raju and Co., engineers and ironfounders, Victoria Works, San Thome, Madras. An oil extracting machine, Edgar Wakelin Thompson, manager and engineer, Boyd's Ice Factory, Frere Road, Fort, Bombay. Improvements in freezing tanks for the preservation of food. Mareus Begg, tea planter, of the Noahabaree Tea Estate Moriani P.O., Assam, British India. Improvements in bulkers or mixers, Bastiaan Carel August Vorster, commercial agent, of 71 Iste Jan van der Heydenstraat, Amsterdam, Holland. Apparatus for damping and affixing adhesive stamps. La Societe Generale de Soie Artificielle per le procede Viscose, of 21 Place de Brouckere, Brussels. Belgium. Improvements in apparatus for use in twisting fibres, or filaments, and putting them into coil form, M. Nethersole, superintending engineer, 4th Circle, Irrigation Department, United Provinces, Jhansi. A safety clip with automatic release for falling gates on weirs or canal regulators or escapes supported on the tension principle, Charles Henry Shaw, manufacturer, of 35th and Wazee streets, Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and state of Colorado, United States of America. Improvements in and connected with rock drilling engines. Jhanda Singh Uberoi, proprietor of the firm of Jhanda Singh Uberoi and Sons, manufacturers of sporting gear, Victoria Works, Sialkot city, Punjab. Improvements in hockey sticks and the like.

AN APPROVED FORMULA OF ALCHEMY.

MR. KESONDAS CHHABILDAS, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, disposed of a case in which Hanumandas Dharamdas, a Hindoo ascetic, was charged with stealing two gold bars, valued at Rs. 1,284, belonging to Govindji Ramji, a cloth shopkeeper in Khoja Street. The evidence of the complainant showed that accused came to him on 27th April, and begged of him something to eat. Complainant supplied him with some food; accused blessed him for his charitable disposition, and as a small mark of the appreciation of his meritorious act, gave him a powder-packet to keep, with strict injunctions to take extreme care of it, and to deposit it in a safe place. They then went upstairs and had a smoke. The accused particularly enjoined him to keep a quantity of quick-silver and two limes against his visit on the following day. Punctual to the appointment, the accused came. He lit a coal-fire, poured the quick-silver in a crucible, squeezed the juice of a lime in the stuff, and reciting a long incantation, assured the complainant that the quick-silver would soon be transmuted into silver by virtue of the powder in the packet. He called for the powder, and sprinkling some of it on the mixture, produced a piece of silver. Complainant put in the silver in question as an exhibit. The second experiment was directed to transmuting small pieces of silver and copper into gold by virtue of the same mysterious and invaluable powder he had used in the previous process. The third scheme was projected on a much larger scale. Complainant was directed to have in readiness one pound of gold which he would mix with baser metals according to an approved formula of alchemy, and by the extraordinary efficiency of the powder, transmute the whole mass into pure gold. Complainant began to be suspicious and he went to the Maharbavri Police Station, in Girgaum, to make a report of the whole proceedings. In consequence of the advice he had received, he produced two bars of gold before the accused, who again lit a fire, put some camphor, mixed up a mass in a pot and laid strict injunctions on the complainant not to open the composition until his coming back on the following day. When he was about to leave the house, some Bombay policemen, who had been privately watching him from an adjoining room, came out and searched him, and succeeded in finding out the bars of gold which the accused had stolen, and concealed under his waist-cloth. Accused was arrested and charged. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to twelve months' rigorous imprisonment. The two bars of gold were ordered to be returned to the complainant.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

YESTERDAY afternoon a special meeting of the Trustees was held, at their offices, Esplanade Road, the Hon. Mr. G. O. W. Dunn presiding. There were also present: Lieutenant-Colonel Fearon, the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, Mr. P R Cadell, Mr. T W Cuffe, Dr A G Viegas, Mr Sassoon J David, Mr D E Wacha Mr J S Brown, Mr C H B Forbes, Mr W D Sheppard the Hon Mr Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey, and Mr. W N Shilstone, Secretary.

PROPERTIES ON THE CARNAC ROAD.

The Board considered a memorandum by the Chairman on Government Resolution in the Revenue Department, dated the 28th November, 1904, calling upon the Board to pay Rs 6,48 261 being the Collector's valuation of, eleven properties situated on the Carnac Road, held under lease from Government, which are to be acquired for the Board's scheme No. II" It was resolved to request the Chairman to submit a draft of representation to be made to Government on the subject for the approval of the Board.

ELECTRIC FANS IN BOARD'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

Sanction was given to the payment of Rs. 3 870 for supplying and fixing fans and other electric fittings to the Board's administrative offices and also to the payment of Rs 1,650 for the provision of two photographic rooms on the roof for taking blue prints.

The Board adjourned after transacting some other business.

THE Acme Spinning Company are building, at Pendlebury near Manchester, a mammoth mill, to be called the Acme, which will contain about 80,000 spindles, and will cost, with equipment, nearly £ 100,000. It will be driven by electricity, and will be the first spinning-mill in Lancashire to be electrified.

RECRUITING for the Militia in the West of Ireland has fallen off so much in connexion with the training of the 5th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers at Limerick, that whereas formerly between 200 and 300 recruits were obtained annually, this year only 14 recruits joined the Battalion.

NEW REST HOUSE AT PALANPUR.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A PUBLIC meeting was held on Saturday evening at Palanpur, writes a correspondent, in a Shamiana pitched in front of the Talebag, for the opening of the Victoria Memorial Rest House. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Merewether, Major H. D. Merewether, Political Agent, Palanpur, presided. Among those present were H. H. Dawan Sahib Shri Sir Sher Mahomedkhanji, G.C.I.E., Captain and Mrs. Herold, Shahazadas Talemahomedkhanji and Yavar Hoosenkhanji, Bhayad Jabardaskhanji, Messrs. Harilal Lalubhai Thakar and Kalianrai Damodarrai, Deputy Assistants to the Political Agent Palanpur, Mr. M. M. Modr, L. M. and S., Assistant Surgeon Palanpur Agency, Mr. Ranchhodlal Vandravandas Patwari, Chief Minister Palanpur, Mr. Nanalal Himatram, Head Clerk to the Political Agent, Mr. Nasarwanji Bezanji, Special Famine Assistant, Palanpur, Harilal Vadilal, Sirastedar to the Political Agent, Mr. Naranlal Keshavlal, Santalpur Thandar, Mr. Odahavji Ghelabhai Appeal Judge, Palanpur State, Mr. Sobhagchand Velji, Naib Karbhari, Palanpur State, and other Agency and State Officials and leading gentlemen, of the town.

Mr. Harilal in opening the proceedings said:—By the invitation sent round, you all already know the purpose for which we have assembled here this afternoon, viz: the very pleasant ceremony of opening by Mrs. Merewether the Victoria Memorial Rest House, the fundation of which was laid by Colonel Cates, the President of the Victoria Memorial Fund Committee, on the 1st July of last year. The circumstances under which the funds were raised to prepetuate the memory of our late deeply lamented Sovereign Queen Empress Victoria and the circumstances under which a Rest House was proposed to be constructed at Palanpur were so fully narrated by my brother officer Mr. Kalianrai at the time of the foundation ceremony that I need not reiterate them here to waste your valuable time. Suffice it to say that subscription lists were started throughout the Agency, and Chief Talukdars, Girassias and their subjects came forward with a very willing hand and they subscribed according to their means, which as we all know had greatly suffered by the severe famine of Samvat 1956. The Committee then after full consideration decided that the best way of prepetuating the memory of so beloved a Sovereign was to construct a Rest House at Palanpur, the want of which was very badly felt for a long time, as Petty Talukdars, Girassias, and their subjects coming to Palanpur on business had no place in which to put up. The Committee having thus decided, necessary plans, which were marked out on the ground at the time of the foundation ceremony, were prepared and sanctioned by the President of the Committee and the work was taken in hand as soon as convenient and completed, as you now see it is before you, under proper supervision at a cost of Rs. 5,000. As you will presently see, there are, on the ground floor 10 separate rooms, each 15 × 12 and an open hall 25 × 12 with an 8 feet verandah all round and with an open Chok (square) 40 x 42 in the middle. On the upper story there is a main hall 25 x 12 with 6 feet verandah in front with 2 side rooms in it and a 3 feet verandah in the rear. The best thanks of the Committee are due to the contractor Mr. Talabali Yusufji, assited by his uncle Mr. Badruddin, a well known and great contractor, who has executed several works worth lakhs of rupees in Baroda territory and in other places, for their having executed this work with great care, to great satisfaction and at the same time at a very cheap cost. With the permission of the president, I propose to present the contractor with a pair of shawls as a trifling honorarium. The Rest House was from the beginning considered by each and all to be imperfect without a well in the compound. This defect was brought to the notice of our worthy president, Major Merewether, and he was kind enough to allow me to accept the offer of the heirs of the well-known Shabukar Amba Parekh of Tharad to place a sufficient sum of money at our disposal for a well to be called "Amba Kui" after the name of their father. You now see the well before you which has already been sunk and which is now being built up. The Almighty has favoured us by giving sweet drinking water in the well. There is at present 14 feet of water while there is not more than about 4 feet of water in the surrounding wells. As we all know, a well giving sweet drinking water is one of the greatest boons in Palanpur, especially when it is situated quite close to the town as this well is. I therefore take this opportunity of expressing the sincere thanks of the Committee to the heirs of Amba Parekh for their liberality in making the Rest House a place of perfect use. I also beg, on behalf of the Committee to thank Your Highness, your Minister Mr. Patwari and other State officers for the very willing assistance given from time to time in several ways towards the construction of the Rest House and the well, as without it I do not think I should have been able to complete the work satisfactorily and in so short a time. I also beg to thank you, Major Merewether, for having so kindly presided at this ceremony and to thank all ladies and gentlemen for their having spared the time to attend this ceremony and to thank you, Mrs. Merewether, for your having kindly accepted to perform the ceremony. As the Rest House is constructed to perpetuate the memory of our most beloved Sovereign Queen Empress Victoria, I would on behalf of the Committee respectfully request you Mrs. Merewether to be so kind as to proceed to the building, to gently turn the key, which I beg to present you, into the lock and declare it open for which we shall be most thankful to you.

The building having been formally declared open, Major Merewether in addressing the gathering said:—Your Highness, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Harilal has explained to you so fully the history of the Victoria Rest House, Palanpur, that but little remains for me to add. There can, I think be no question that the building which we are opening to-day was badly needed and will be greatly appreciated by those for whom it has been erected and who have contributed liberally towards the subscription raised to meet the cost of building it, inasmuch as it will make for greater intimacy and a better understanding between the Agency and the States and their subjects. Many of the States and the Thanah circles are at a considerable distance from Palanpur, too far for any one to come in and return in one day and complete any business. The Talukdars of this Agency have a history of which they are and may justly feel proud, and all the world over right thinking men dislike feeling beholden to any one for any thing. After consulting the Committee it has been decided that the designation Dharamshala is ill-suited to the building we are opening to-day, not because it is named after our late gracious Queen Empress. No good work could have been too lowly to deserve her support, but because Rajput Chiefs might feel injured in being asked to put up in a building called by such a name. Before the Victoria Rest House was built, Talukdars and others coming in from the Districts had to make the best arrangements they could for accommodation and board. Now they can come in and make use for the time being of the Victoria Rest House as if it were their own house. I trust that full advantage will be taken of the institution by all. In the cold weather the Agency Officers are touring in the Districts and are therefore more easily accessible to all who wish to seek advice or discuss matters of common interest. In the hot weather, however, this is not the case, and it is then I hope that the Victoria Rest House will prove the boon it is intended to be. The thanks of all are due to His Highness the Diwan Sahib for his liberality in granting a free site for the building we have just opened. I cannot close these remarks without fully endorsing all Colonel Cates said of our Chief when laying the foundation stone of this Victoria Rest House. All who have the privilege of knowing the Chief must realize how true is every word uttered by Colonel Cates concerning him and he is ably assisted and supported in all his good deeds by his Chief Minister Mr. Patwari. It is a matter for sincere regret that the plentiful and seasonable rain that Colonel Cates hoped would be showered upon His Highness with the return to prosperity which must result from it, has not yet fallen. The present season, however, gives us fair grounds to hope that the day may not be far distant when normal conditions will be restored to the States and the dreaded terms Dukal and Chapania be forgotten. Our sincere thanks are further due to the Committee who have supervised the completion of the fine building that has just been opened. To the family of Amba Parekh for the well they have so liberally provided for the Rest House. Their charity has been blessed by Providence by the plentiful supply of water found in it. To Thakar Thakarshi Waghji of Abiana for his very liberal subscription of Rs. 1,301 towards the fund for the Rest House. In conclusion I can only repeat that I hope the Talukdars will avail themselves of the facilities afforded by the Rest House and come in without hesitation to discuss all questions in person.

The proceedings terminated with the destribution of attar, pan and gulab.

SHOALS of dead fish were thrown up on the beach between Clifton and Keamari (Karachi) below high water mark on the night of the 4th instant, and were seen on the 5th instant. The residents of Clifton state that the sea between Clifton beach and the oyster rocks was quite white, the appearance resembling white waves. More fish were thrown up and the whole beach extending from Hubb to far beyond Clifton is now literally strewn with dead fish. In some places they lie five to six inches deep. The Port Trust are making arrangements for the removal and burial of the fish. Apparently there has been a volcanic eruption or some deadly agency at work beneath the sea accounting for this enormous destruction of fish.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The Water Colour Society.

A NEW MUSICAL PRODIGY.

THE CONCERT HALLS.

LONDON, APRIL 21.

ONE exhibition of the Royal Water Colour Society is not better or worse than another, but there is such variety, as we have a right to look for between one of Mr. Clausen's beautiful drawings and another, or among the several fruits of Mr. Sargent's various Venetian journeys. The artist last named exhibits two drawings, one of the Grimani Palace in sunshine, a light that is whiter in the foreground and gathers colour in the further distances of water and wall, very beautifully and truly. Of this Palace, built in the central Renaissance, having more dignity in the coldness of the style than any other in Venice, the corner is shown in the drawing, with the bright waters gently shifting before the fretted stone. In this there is not the restless accuracy and eager truth of the water-colours at the Carfax Gallery; and it has, perhaps, less intense character. Mr. Sargent has besides, in Bed of a Torrent, a strangely brilliant study of sheer daylight, in which the lighted stones give an impression of almost violent day. Strange successes of mere grey in uncoloured illumination! Of Mr. Arthur Rackham's several works, we prefer The Princess's Mirror, because it has some of his fine, intricate, and strong drawing of branches, stems, and twigs, vigorously twisted, and full of wintry life. His Grey Evening, Venice, has charm of composition, and in Pleasure-Seekers, we find the extraordinary invention that peoples a watering-place beach with early Victorian imps; dragons are fished by holiday fishermen out of the sea, into which demon bathing-men are tempting shivering old goblins and their elderly wives. In carpet slippers do these gnomes climb rocks, and put out to sea with their families, wearing bowler hats. The fancy is inexhaustible, but the fulness of the humour, is doubtful.

Among the larger landscapes, those of the President, Sir Ernest Waterlow, have an accomplished character in their own order. The River Coquet at Warkworth, Northumberland, shows a fine rich shadow on the range of forest and hill. Mr. Paterson has a charmingly titled drawing, Nameless Hills, a beautiful over clouded landscape; and pictorial also is his Arthur's Seat; we might complain somewhat, perhaps, of mysterious foregrounds where the mystery is rather a technical one—rather water-colour than a reading of nature. Nevertheless, his work is an artist's; and so is Mr. Little's, in his Pastures, with their blue hills, and in Gateshill, which has a soft, towering sky, and dignity and beauty of landscape. Mr. Cameron has one drawing, Waning Light, a sky and landscape somewhat stiffened, as it were, by a convention of his own. The blues are arbitrary, for example; but there is beauty of execution and most refined feeling in the foreground tracing of little trees, and in the simple sky-line of the hill—a very quiet horizon.

Miss Clara Montalba's twilight mountains, Autumn, Feltre, and Feltre, are amongst her best drawings, although they are not dedicated to the lagoon. In the last-named, the darkened valleys that cleave the hills, this way and that, to uncertain depths, are beautifully expressed, with the mystery of fading sky and touches of light on upstanding will or tree. The arrangement, moreover, is decorative, as with Miss Montalba's evident convictions, of what nature in a picture should be, we always expect from her. But her After Sunset seems somewhat, to display the faults of her high qualities. A different view of valley and mountain, from hers is that of many Mr. Albert Goodwin in a remarkable drawing—the most original of many here—La Presa Engadine. He has expressed admirably the valley floor, the flatness of the narrow ground, and the character of the shadow that brings it an early night, while the mountain-top is clear in another air and a different light. This is a study of nature made with fine intelligence. In his Grenada, West Indies, there is a rather extreme pettiness, and for the rest of his drawings, we find the glows of cloud and sun, the romance that follows Turner, with passages of more than pleasing colour. This is especially true of The Last Act and Fall of the Curtain Pompeii, where there is beauty in a little space of serene sky beyond the volcano. Mr. T. M. Rooke has drawn and lighted his architecture remarkably well in The East Cloister, Westminster; Mr. Herbert Alexander has drawn with real animation his Horses of St. Mark's, Venice, which are vivid of surface and in lively air stand; and Mr. H. S. Hopwood has the right water-colour view of figures in movement in his spirited Sketch in Tunis.

The interior of Mr. Clausen's barn in The Thresher has all his customary beauty of outer sunshine, inner light misted with soft dust of wheat hollow spaces, tender, hooded reflections, and a figure not only invested with light, but penetrated by it, and excellent in action. Mr. Edwin Alexander surely overstrains the powers, rights, and duties of water-colour in his Peacock and Python, skilful as it is, and deliberately as he has designed the stiff pinion and the soft snake in contrast. Of Mr. Anning Bell's several women, we prefer those of The Daisy Chain, for their weaving of pleasant greys, of silver and steel-colour in shadow, and for the gentle glimpse of hill and sky beyond them. Mr. Swan has a sparkling Tigress and Cubs, the cubs drinking with a fine energy of drawing. And one of the most interesting drawings in the gallery is Mr. E. R. Hughe's strange Dimanche. We are interested in the drawing of the river bank and the opposite group of grey-green trees, hill, and white houses. The men strolling on the road (and they have their extraordinary names inscribed beneath—the pig, too, has his) have a Breton suggestion of drunkenness, but they are full of curious character; so are the rigid peasant women.

Mischa Elman, the wonderful Russian boy violinist, of whom it has been written that he uses music as a language and with it expresses the feelings of men and women with all the subtle effects which custom has expected only from artists of the first rank, is shortly coming to London. At present he has enthralled the music loving public of Berlin, and caused the German critics to eulogise his performances in words of enthusiastic admiration. An interesting fact in connection with the young violinists forthcoming appearance in London is that Herr Director Grosz, his impresario, has induced Mr. Daniel Mayer, who was associated with Paderewski at the very outset of the great pianist's career, to once more enter the field as a concert director. Mr. Mayer is is a keen critic, but predicts a brilliant future for Mischa Elman. In my opinion, he remarked to a press representative the boy is without doubt the greatest musical phenomenon that has ever existed. Mozart may have been greater, but that we of the present

livan demanded, but which he so rarely obtained. Mr. Packer's voice is of an absolute tenor quality; and this is a quality which one rarely meets in these days. There are so many baritones, who (quite legitimately), force up their register and train artificially a voice into the range of the tenor, which it was never originally meant to possess. One of the greatest tenors of our generation, we mean M. Jean de Reszke, by dint of work and persistence changed a magnificent baritone voice into an equally magnificent tenor voice, yet nobody could say conscientiously that Jean de Reszke's voice is pure tenor, in the sense that one speaks of the voice of Sims Reeves or Edward Lloyd. It is, as we have said, the purely tenor voice which Mr. Packer possesses, and he proved it not only in one or another song, but in everything with which he dealt. In Sullivan's Once Again, he sang exquisitely, though after responding to many calls his voice possibly sounded a little tired. Tenors, pure and simple, are not in these days to be found for the asking; and we are sure that Mr. William Packer will finally achieve a much greater success upon a much larger scale than that which, with real modesty, he achieved last night at the Steinway Hall. Miss Limerick recited Rudyard Kipling's The Flag of England with considerable effect; we have often said that recitations are not altogether to our taste, but this particular poem lends itself to the art of the reciter. In the magnificent lines in which Kipling deals with what he calls. The Home Wind, bringing the English home. Miss Limerick was perhaps, not sufficiently virile; but in the passage dealing with the South Wind, with its pictorial effects of calm, of quietude, of lotos, of coral, of the sea-egg, Miss Limerick was admirable. Miss Doris Cloud played very well, but without much of that peculiar energetic quality which in these days very often makes up in the ears of the public what is wanting in musicianly accomplishment. Miss Chetham sang Dr. Frederick Cowen's A Birthday very sweetly indeed, and in Mr. Lambert's Forethought she was equally successful; perhaps her voice at times seemed a little cold, but of its purity there can be no possible doubt whatever.

At the Queen's Hall on Saturday afternoon, Mme. Wanda Landowska gave her second Recital of what might practically be called historical interest, inasmuch as her programme consisted of the tracing, as it were, of the present valse from the older volta. The similarity of the names certainly lends colour to the idea, although it is a little strange that this most modern of dances should have developed out of old dances from the land of Provence. In any case, it is certain that the valse has not been popular in this country in any such large historical sense, for we find Byron not very far into last century writing of the dance, as though it were something of a novelty. Of course, so far as the instrument upon which the dance was played in old days is concerned, it certainly has a not very remote affinity with our modern pianoforte. Examples by Byrd and Thomas Morley, taken from one of the volumes of the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book, others by Michael Praetorius and De Chambonnieres were played by this excellent artist with singular deftness of touch, who used the harpsichord and pianoforte in order to illustrate the various examples which she had chosen for her musical thesis. Of the more modern masters, she played the valse as it is developed in such masters as Weber, Schubert, Chopin, Schumann even Wagner himself. Her Chopin playing was indeed most excellent, not only easy and fluent, but realising much of that peculiar and intense, if somewhat narrowed, personality which so distinguishes Chopin from other composers. In Weber's famous and so far as school-rooms go, possibly notorious, "Invitation a la Valse," she played charmingly and with very definite brilliance; the famous Sylph Dance, from Berlioz's Faust, the arrangement of which was made by Liszt, was also included in her programme, one is so accustomed to the original, and therefore orchestral playing of these beautiful pages, that we are bound to say that a pianoforte version of it, beautiful as it was played on this occasion, is not altogether satisfactory; for Berlioz thought always in terms of orchestra; he was no player of the pianoforte and there is a story that when he was in Russia and gave a concert before the Tsar, at which it was demanded that he should play some solo instrument he replied that the only thing he could do in that way was to play a solo on the big drum. Mme. Wada Landowska, in a word, is a greatly gifted artist; above all things, she has studied her subject thoroughly and with a keen sense of sympathy.

Mr. Cyril Maude is to appear as Napoleon, Mr. H. B. Irving as Richard III., and Mr. Tree as Shylock. What could be more appetising than this Shylock. The character is one which should suit Mr. Tree's personality and gifts to a peculiar nicety. One can see, in one's mind's eye, the dominating, colourful figuce, filled out by numberless illuminating touches. The scenes on the Rialto, in the Court, would, one imagines, be interpreted most admirably by Mr. Tree. And what a superb series of stage pictures would surely be spread out before us? Mr. Tree knows his public and the requirements of the stage too well to stint such a piece as this. Hamlet without scenery, yes—but The Merchant with every art and every allurement. These things do not necessarily mean the obscuring of the text and subordination of the author. Those who are for beauty in these things must nail their colours to the mast. Mr. Tree must be no mere Parliamentarian. He must not run away from any Vote of Censure. Venice of that day, as shown at His Majesty's would be a glowing city indeed. The Rialto, the canals with gondolas and music, and all that makes Venice Venice; the Trial Scene in the Doge's Palace, the revelries of Pauda—these surely would provide a fitting pendant to the statelincss of Julius Cæsar, the fairy fantasy of the Midsummer Night's Dream, the sylvan loveliness of Twelfth Night, and all varying qualities, which have marked the wonderful Shakespearean series at this house.

We are to see Mr. William Collier, a very popular comedian from America, at the Comedy Theatre shortly. He has been performing in a play called The Dictator, which has been a great success in most of the big cities of the United States. The action takes place in one of those dear, delightful, romantic South American countries, where there are wars to order in fifteen minutes. If this play should prove a success, Mr Frohman will present yet another American comedy this year, by Mr. Augustus Thomas, an American author of many successful plays, known to us on this side by Arizona, which was seen at the Adelphi. Its name is On the Quiet.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co's steamer Arabia, which is expected to arrive here on Friday from London, with the English mail, brings the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Andrews, Miss A	Kerans, Miss E
Beale, Col and Mrs A	Lushington, Mrs and Miss
Boyall, Capt and Mrs	Leach, Mrs L L and infant
Chichester, Mr J A G	Moss-Blundell, Lt R S
Eyezard, Mr J D A	Marshall, Lt J S
Good, Lt C R	Palegrave, Sister
Holloway, Mr J	Slow, Nurse A
Heeney, Miss	Thorpe, Miss
James, Lt H C	Watt, Mr J D
Jones, Mr C J	Whitman, Mr H

FROM MARSEILLES.

Boyall, Mrs	Gee, I M S, Maj S W
Bandman, Theatrical Co of 30	Greaves, Mr S E
	Hampton, Mr P G
Creach, Capt A H	Lawrie, Mr H G
Currie, Capt C S	Lawrence, Mr B
Cowell, Mr J	Stewart, Mr R B
Davies, Lt S A	Wilson Miss

THE Bar can almost always provide good stories to cap incidents in court, and the case at Leeds the other day in which a prisoner flung a bottle at the Recorder is no exception. In 1631, at Salisbury, Sir Thomas Richardson, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, sentenced a felon to death—in those days all felonies were capital,—and the prisoner hurled a brickbat, which "narrowly mist." In fact, it hit the Chief Justice's hat, owing to his stooping, and he wittily said, "Had I been an upright judge I should have been killed." An indictment was straightway drawn against the prisoner, and he was sentenced to have his right hand cut off, which sentence was executed then and there, and then he was forthwith hanged. When an enraged litigant flung an egg at Vice Chancellor Malins, the Judge remarked, "That must have been meant for my brother Bacon," and proceeded to commit the offender for contempt.

FAKES AND FRAUDS.

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The would-be collector must be wary in picking up old Sheraton brass fenders with claw feet, as these can be made for less than twelve shillings each, and a dealer once boasted to me, in a moment of confidence, that he did a thriving trade in them, and that this customers were delighted with their bargains, especially when he sold them a fine old embossed tub or jardinier to go with their fender on lion legs for an extra pound.!

Bow and Chelsea figures being always expensive, even when copied, there is a great and growing demand for Staffordshire pottery, and our German friends are supplying the demand for this in the shape of thousands of sheep, and cottages, and money-boxes, and pastille burners, and greyhounds, and dogs of every kind. These—costing sixpence to sevenpence each—are eagerly snapped up by the collecting public at eight shillings each, and sometimes more.

Old English glass from Holland I have already dealt with, but I may add it sometimes comes from the Giant Mountains, too. The dealers' shops are full of fakes and frauds, and everything of any value among our artistic possessions is carefully copied abroad and sent over here, "thanks," as my friend says, "to the British Government, which protects everything foreign, and allows anything and everything to be dumped down here, including the aliens." I often think how the foreigners who, after all, are only supplying our English dealers' demands, must laugh in their sleeves at the people they are taking in so easily. It seems a pity that while rubbish is stamped Made in Germany, these things come without let or hindrance into this country. Surely they, too, should be in some way marked, for, in the case of the rubbish they are merely articles of harmless atrocity, whereas the frauds actually take the public in.

The Government should put a duty on these things, or at least compel them to be marked. Everything, in fact, should be marked, excepting the aliens, who have already been indelibly and unmistakably stamped by their Maker.

I feel great sympathy with the would-be collector to-day, for what with frauds an fakes and cheats at home and cheats abroad, he will make but a sorry collection unless he is full of knowledge and possesses experience. For those who know not, these few hints, acquired after years of collecting, may, I hope, be of some slight use, for in collecting, as in warfare, the ancient adage still holds good, "Forewarned is forearmed."

LIGHTNING AND THE POWER STATIONS.

THE PROTECTION OF ELECTRICITY WORKS.

THE problems of lightning discharges have from the very first interested us, and in these later days of large power schemes, the importance of protecting electricity works against lightning stroke has become increasingly evident. For a long time we thought, says "Engineering," that the damage caused by lightning was confined to systems of overhead conductors, as its effect on these was at once evident, in some cases by complete destruction; of parts of our circuits, in others by the break down of our insulation; but during our recent developments of large power schemes, employing systems of conductors to carry the energy into districts, where the use of overhead conductors is inadmissible, the influence of lightning discharges, or of earth strokes connected with them, on our underground systems has been undoubtedly the cause of many failures and interruptions to service, the investigation of which forms a problem of the first magnitude. The problem has been insufficiently investigated; but it appears probable that many of the mysterious perforations of the insulation of our underground cables are commenced by static charges due to condensor effects produced on a gigantic scale in the system. Colonel Crompton has been slowly gathering evidence during the last few years and finds that most of the engineers who have studied this question are in agreement with him, that our present methods of detecting or guarding against the effects of frequent and hitherto unnoticed static discharges are altogether inadequate to protect electricity works, and that there is here presented a question of extreme difficulty and importance. No doubt, in our temperate climate these effects are not so often manifested, nor are they so important as in the more extreme climates of America, or in parts of India. It is probable that they do occur in this country, and that damage to underground system of mains, hitherto unexplained, are due in many cases to those atmospheric or earth discharges; but only those who have stood in a power-house in the Himalayas, and witnessed the almost continual series of discharges which follow one another so rapidly that they resemble a continuous cannonade, are able to fully realise how liable electricity works are to become a link in the distribution of Nature's gigantic electric display of power. Lightning strokes as they pass through the air very frequetly follow one another over nearly if not the same identical air path. Professor Elihu Thomson seems to think—but this requires confirmation—that the dielectric strength of the air at this point is reduced or partly broken down by the passage of a powerful lightning stroke, which facilitates the passage of subsequent strokes at the same point. Are we to conclude that corresponding conditions of weakened path are set up below the earth's surface, and consequently affect us by affording paths for disruptive discharge through our underground mains?

THE LATE BISHOP STROSSMAYER.

A GREAT CROATIAN PATRIOT.

THE most remarkable figure in the Slavonic portion of the Austrian Empire has just passed away, writes a Belgrade correspondent. The late Bishop Strossmayer combined the qualities of a great patriot and a faithful, though independent, son of Rome. There were times when his separation from the Church seemed inevitable, but he always ended by submitting humbly to her jurisdiction and died as he had lived, an example of Christian virtue and self-abnegation. Strossmayer came of an old Croatian family, and from his earliest youth was imbued with that patriotic spirit of which his people reaped the advantage, while it earned for him bitter enemies in Vienna and Buda-Pesth. He was appointed Bishop of Djakova in 1850, and since that date never ceased working for the material and intellectual progress as well as for the spiritual welfare of the Croats. Indeed, he succeeded in obtaining as much political freedom for his compatriots as was reconcilable with the integrity of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He believed firmly in the future federation of all the Slav states, and worked openly for the furtherance of that end. This ardent Pan-Slavism often brought him into conflict with the statesmen of Austro-Hungary, and on one occasion with the Emperor Francis Joseph himself. In 1883, when the millennium of the conversion of the Russians was being celebrated in Kiev, Bishop Strossmayer sent a telegram of congratulation and his blessing to the Russian clergy. This action naturally raised a storm in the breasts of the Hungarians, and to satisfy them the Emperor publicly condemned the prelate, who replied that his conscience was at rest.

Djakova is one of the wealthiest sees in Austro-Hungary, so that Strossmayer's revenues were large enough to enable him to erect the numerous intellectual and humanitarian edifices which now adorn Croatia. It has been calculated that he spent over half a million sterling in these foundations. It is to his generosity that Agram owes its University, Academy of Science, and countless schools and hospitals.

He was an excellent classical scholar, and the eloquence and purity of his Latin oration at the Vatican Council of 1870 won him a wide repute in ecclesiastical and literary circles, though their tendency was not quite as conformable to that of his spiritual superiors as might have been desired.

He took his degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and of Divinity in Vienna, and was professor of the Augustin College in that city shortly before he was ordained bishop.

He has died at the venerable age of ninety, deeply lamented by the whole Croatian nation, which has named him the Father of his Country.

As a result of severe tests, the "Slipline" coat-lining, made by the Wachusett Mills, of Worcestor, Mass has not only been taken up by the Government for army overcoats, but has been adopted as the future standard for linings. Its manufacture requires special looms, and the resources of the factory will be taxed to their limit in the execution of the first contract for 100,000 yards, the largest individual order ever secured by this concern.

DIGGERS OF THE GREAT DITCH.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S TRIO.

ALMOST the last piece of official work done by President Roosevelt before abandoning himself to his hard-won holiday was to hand to the new Panama Board, their commissions and his letter of instructions. That Mr. Charles E. Magoon would be designated for the new Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, entrusted with the management of the diplomatic interests of the United States on the Isthmus, and that Mr. John F. Wallace would be reappointed chief engineer to excavate the great ditch, was anticipated, writes a New York correspondent. Mr. Magoon was already familiar with the round and the chief personages in the Panama Republic, with whom the relations of the United States must continue for some time to be of a delicate nature. Governor Magoon starts as "persona grata," whereas the sensitive Panamans had taken affront at the cold military bearing of Governor Davis, whom he succeeds. The first Panama Canal Commission, indeed, during its existence of little more than a year, was hardly a success. Its constitution was due chiefly to sectional nominations in Congress, and it became evident from Mr. Taft's special mission to the Isthmus at the end of last year, that a more homogeneous body was desirable for the effective execution of the undertaking on which the personal reputation of President Roosevelt is staked as well as the international credit of the United States.

Just as Mr. Balfour placed at the head of the British Admiralty in Earl Cawdor a master of executive administration, so, with business efficiency as the chief end in view, President Roosevelt has gone to railway experience for the man he wanted. Mr. Theodore P. Shonts, the chairman of the New Isthmian Canal Commission, during the next ten years will practically have the spending of probably £200,000,000. Less than that sum, with the greatest economy, and the use of labour-saving machinery, the construction of the canal can hardly cost, if, as now seems probable, the original intention of Congress to construct a canal with locks, at an estimated cost of £140,000,000 is enlarged by making the canal a sea-level canal with a tidal lock only at one end.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN.

President Roosevelt's selection of Mr. Shonts was made in characteristic fashion. A fortnight before the appointment no one had a fainter notion of being charged with the gigantic task than Mr. Shonts. He is a Western Railroad president, the head of the Toledo, St. Louis, and Western, known as the "Clover Leaf Route," of which system he has been successively general superintendent, general manager, and president. A Pennsylvanian by birth, he has spent the greater part of his fifty years in the West. Graduated at Monmouth College, Illinois, and studied law, but after two years' practice only engaged in "railroading," though he can hardly be said to have abandoned law entirely, as he married the daughter of his master, Governor Drake, in whose office he had drawn up briefs. As a personal friend he accompanied the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Morton, on his recent inspection cruise in the Caribbean. Mr. Morton, before they left Washington, asked Mr. Shonts how he would like to tackle the Panama Canal. Originating in a joking utterance, the idea commended itself so strongly to the Secretary that he immediately went to the White House to tell the President he had found the man for the Canal. So it seemed to Mr. Roosevelt, and when the Navy despatch boat Dolphin touched at Guantanamo, the new American headquarters in the Caribbean, a cablegram was awaiting Mr. Shonts tentatively tendering the chief post on the Canal Commission. A hurried return was made to Washington, where Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Shonts met for the first time, though the reputation of the railway president was well known to the head of the State. To both men the meeting was completely satisfactory, and after three-quarters of an hour, the President made the definite offer of the chairmanship, which was promptly accepted.

By personal appearance the new chairman inspires confidence in his ability to carry out the organization of a work that will unite oceans. He is over six feet in stature, like the Secretary of the Navy, and he has the springy step of an athlete in training. Clear grey eyes and decisive features add to the vivid impression of energy which his whole bearing denotes. Recognising that the construction of the Panama Canal is a big task, fraught with great responsibilities, Mr. Shonts proposes, he says, to manage it strictly as a business undertaking just as he would run a railroad or other commercial enterprise. He will be the absolute head of the commission, untrammelled in any way. Not the least important details of his post are concerned with the commercial operations in the United States of the Panama Railroad and Steamship lines, while he has plunged at once into the mass of incidental accounts connected with taking over the material and supplies already on the ground left by the French company, much of which is still available.

The executive committee of the Canal Commission will consist of Shonts, Wallace, and Magoon. They are the three whom President Roosevelt has picked out personally to rival the Suez forerunners and materialise the second conception of Lesseps.

THE ALGIERS TO TOULON AUTO-BOAT RACE.

GREAT RISK OF ACCIDENTS.

RACING is over at Monaco and the auto-boats are now assembling at Toulon preparatory to being conveyed to Algiers by the torpedo-boat destroyers Arbalete-and Dard, says the Paris correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette." The great race across the Mediterranean, organized by the "Matin," for a cup offered by M. C. L. Charley, well-known in the automobile world of Pairs, takes place, according to present arrangements, on May 7. It is five hundred miles across the midland sea from the French colonial capital to the French port. The course is to be divided into two stages. The first day the boats make Port Mahon (Minorca Island), which is about equidistant from shore and shore, and the second complete the run to Toulon. The object of making two bites of the Mediterranean cherry is, of course, to prevent the accidents which would arise from travelling at high speed at night. But it is more than probable that very serious mishaps will occur, notwithstanding that an international flottila of torpedo-boats will be at the service of the competitors. Monaco has shown the dangers of the auto-boat as at present built. It is much too flimsy and over-engined to be at all seaworthy. On Sunday, April 9, when the sea was only moderately rough under a good breeze, the craft had to be towed back to port as they could not make head against the waves. That day the Gobron was wrecked; then the famous old racer, Trefle-a-Quatre caught fire and was gutted, and, finally, the Panhard-Levassor, after winning the championship of the sea, went down when racing at top-speed, through her bows opening suddenly. It is quite clear that the French boat-builder has thought of nothing but speed, and has given no attention to the real qualities of a boat—that is to say, the ability to live in the sea. The success of the two English vessels, Napier II. and Napier, in one of the most important events of the Monaco meeting was due to that fact.

The meeting has been successful, however, in demonstrating the qualities of the cruiser, as distinguished from the racer class. Beam in proportion to the length is insisted upon for the cruiser, whereas the racer is limited only by length. The cruiser of the eight metres class (26 ft.), for instance must measure one metre sixty centimetres (5ft. 3in.) in the widest part, and a fourteen metres (45 1-2ft) boat two metres ten (6 ft. 10 in.) There are also regulations as to free-board, whereas the racer is not so bound. Results of the lessons learned at Monaco will be seen, probably, in the change of a metal for a wooden hull; an alteration in form, and also greater protection for the engines. The sailor is likely to take the place of the "chauffeur" at the helm. Some knowledge of winds and currents is necessary even to race an auto-boat, and a cunning seaman could often steal an advantage over the technical landsman.

As I have said, there are almost bound to be accidents in the great race that takes place in a fortnight's time over the treacherous surface of the smiling Mediterranean. There is no sea so subject to sudden changes. Out of the blue sky comes the tempest with the suddenness of a thunderbolt. Is is because of that that nautical men predict all manner of disaster for the cockle-shells that will attempt to cross the sea. At Monaco the racers could run back to port but there is none to help when you are a hundred miles from land. The following boats are entered for the cup:—

1 Mercedes-Mercedes	9 La Patrie
2 Mercedes C P	10 L'Albatros
3 Quand Meme	11 Le Comos
4 Gregory	12 Maigre Tout
5 Napier I	13 Mab
6 Napier II	14 Heracles II
7 Le Camille	15 Fiat X
8 Le Dubonnet	

Every nation is represented in this list. The two Napiers and the Mab are English.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

The superfluous epithet sometimes makes up in humour what it lacks in significance. A newspaper headline a few days ago announced a sad event in the following terms:—Baby Shot by her Elder Brother. It is reassuring to know that the deed was not done by the baby's twin-brother or even by her younger brother.

C. J. M. writes with reference to story (quoted in a review of Mr. R. Bosworth Smith's Bird Life and Bird Lore, about the Dorset gamekeeper who called his dog, Moreover, after the dog in the Bible, explaining that he referred to the passage, 'Moreover the dog licked his sores':—At Sierra Leone some years ago, happening to pass by a small chapel, I paused outside to listen to the address which was being given by a native minister. He was discoursing on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, and gave a vivid word-picture of the whole scene, specially commending the kindly office performed by his good dog, but I was rather taken aback when he proceeded to inform his hearers as follows:—"Dis dog had one strange name. Dey call him Moreober The text reads, of course, as follows And moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

Lady Florence Dixie's letter to the "Times" recalls what is perhaps the most famous Alpine disaster on record. Lady Florence writes that, according to a telegram from Geneva, there is every probability that the body of her brother, Lord Francis Douglas, who, with three other members of Mr. Whymper's party, perished in the descent after the first ascent of the Matterhorn, in July, 1865, will be delivered up by the glacier this year. Those who have read Mr. Whymper's graphic narrative will remember that the bodies of the three other victims of the disaster were found on the glacier, having fallen 4,000 feet. The body of Lord Francis Douglas a youth of nineteen, was the only one not recovered. It was at the time supposed that the body might have lodged on an inaccessible shelf of the precipice, but it is now apparently assumed that it was lost on the glacier, perhaps in a crevasse. Lady Florence Dixie adds that though she was a very little child when the accident occurred, she recalls that her brother expressed a wish before leaving for the Alps that if he should be killed and his remains recovered he should be burried on the spot.

While the members of the Manchester Pedestrian Club are making their arrangements for their walk to Paris, the students of the University of Paris (or those of them who are ambitious pedestrians) have decided upon an even more interesting tour—in Greece. In concert with the Greek students studying at the Paris University they are making their plans for what is to be not only a walk but a course seeing that it is to be a literary, historical, artistic and archæological pilgrimage to the various points of interest with which greece abounds. This combination of University Extension lecture, walking tour, and personally conducted party is not without its possibilities.

The following incident in the life of a rook is related by a naturalist correspondent:—In a rookery near Barskim, colse to that picturesque part of the river Ayr where Burns composed "Man was made to mourn." I once witnessed a singular tragedy of bird life. Very high up on a tall beech tree I saw a rook hanging head downwards, one of its feet being fastened by a string, the other end fastened to a branch of the tree. It was struggling frantically and was being brutally mobbed by its own kind—a heart-rending bird tragedy. I ran of to the nearest village (Mauchline), procured a gun and serval charges of powder and shot returned and blew the wretched rook into fragments, killing another bird at the same time. No man or boy could have so hanged that bird. Was it a case of deliberate rook execution?

More about rook executions from another correspondent:—It occurs to me that when I was a very small boy I saw a rook hanging in one of the trees in the precincts of the Cathedral at Carlisle, and I have the further impression that in consequence of hanging the Dean (Dr. Close) had the rookery torn down. I should be interested to know how far my impressions are correct.

More equivocal tradesmen's announcements. A Derby chemist, in porcelain letters on his plate-glass window, gives his clients this intimation: Teeth carefully extracted while you wait. More impressively menacing is the motto inscribed on the shutters of a firm of clothiers in one of the main streets of Sheffield: Wear our suits, and you will have a fit.

In the window of the Manchester depot of a well-known firm of typewriter manufacturers there is a large selection of typewriters of other equally famous makes, with the invidious notice: For sale—No reasonable offer refused. Clever, but is it quite fair? However, reprisals are obvious.

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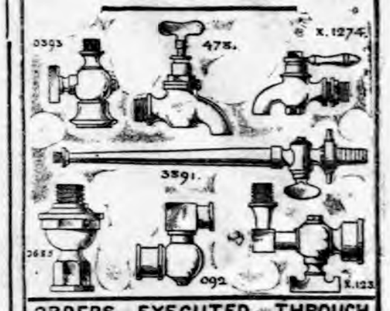

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WRITERS AND READERS.

WHEN a few years ago the now well-known series of World's Classics made their appearance, giving the reading public a complete standard work nicely bound for a shilling, it was generally thought that the last word had been spoken on the subject of low-priced reprints. With the opening of the present Spring publishing season, however, came the announcement of a new series of standard works which were to give for the trifling sum of six pence what had hitherto been considered cheap at double the price. This new series, the Cameo Classics, is now on the market, having made a successful start with Dickens' Tale of Two Cities. The Beauties of Sterne, Charles Read's Peg Woffington and Washington Irving's Life of Goldsmith. The size of these artistically cloth-bound volumes is most handy for the pocket, 6 by 4 inches, and when we say that the first book has as many as 320 pages clearly printed on good paper, it can be seen that there is quantity as well as quality in these charming six-penny volumes. The publishers are the Library Press, of 9, Duke Street, Charing Cross, and this new publishing house intends to issue a complete library of Cameo Classics at frequent intervals. Among the volumes in preparation are:—George Eliot's Mill on the Floss, Kingsley's Water Babies, Thackerary's Roundabout Papers, Hughes' Tom Brown's Schooldays, The Ingoldsby Legends and others too numerous to name.

Mr. Murray is going to publish Five Years in a Persian Town, by the Rev. Napier Malcolm; the Life of Sir Andrew Clarke, of the Royal Engineers, by Col. R. H. Vetch; and memoirs of General Sir Henry Dermot Daly, by Major H. Daly.

Messrs. Longman hope to issue soon after Easter John Knox and the Reformation, by Mr. Andrew Lang. The author attempts to get behind tradition, and, while recognising Knox's greatness as a man and a Christian, finds him much less admirable in his public and political life.

The publication of the Ibsen letters, which were to have been issued in March by Messrs. Fox, Duffield, and Co., of New York, has been delayed by a singular accident. Part of the manuscript of the translation, the "Athenæum" says, was dropped into the North River by the messenger who carried it from Elizbeth, New Jersey.

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. will publish in the first week of May the first number of a new weekly paper called the "Nursing Times," which will be conducted on strictly non-controversial lines. The aim of the publishers is to provide a useful and practical paper for trained nurses, brightly written and well illustrated.

The committee of the Eighty Club have decided to publish in pamphlet form the speech delivered by Mr. Bryce on "The Near Eastern Question and the Position of Russia and Au-tria." The paper read by Mr. John Roskill, K.C. on "Legal and Illegal Methods of Electioneering," will also be printed.

The interest in Borrow's works, which a year or two ago flared up somewhat curiously, has not wholly spent itself. Mr. Murray proposes an early re-issue of what is Borrow's latest and perhaps least known book, "Romano Lavo-Lil; or, The Word-book of the Gypsy Language," which has for some time been inaccessible; and he also purposes a new edition on thin paper of the whole series of Borrow's works.

Sir Harry Johnston has written an introduction to the latest book on East Africa and Uganda, of which the author is Mr. J. Cathcart Wason, M.P., who has travelled in the country. The book is illustrated by photographs taken on the spot, and will be published at once by Mr. Francis Griffiths.

The latest literary production of Messrs. David Bryce and Sons is a miniature "Shakespear," in 40 tiny waistcoat-pocket volumes, bound in limp lambs'-skin, and fitted in a dainty little revolving bookcase of satinwood, the whole occupynig no more room on a table than an ordinary carafe or or an inkstand. The price of this charming work is two guineas, and it may be obtained in various styles. Fine India paper is used in this edition, and the type is excellently clear.

According to Sir John Bergne, the new chairman of the Incorporated Society of Authors, a chief obstacle in the way of a comprehensive code of Imperial copyright is the attitude of the Colonies. They prefer to make their own law for themselves in this always troublesome and intricate matter, and are afraid to commit themselves to the discretion of the Imperial Parliament. Sir John Bergne was speaking of what he knows more about than most people. He acted as H. M. Plenipotentiary in 1886 and 1896 for the signature of the Copyrigh. Convention of Berne and of the Additional Ac. of Paris.

The "Bookman" says there is a considerable probability of an American concession on the copyright question. There is a strong party inclined to give three months of grace to the English publisher and author. At present simultaneous publication is necessary in order to secure copyright. If the suggested amendment is carried out the term of three months will be given. This would have been quite sufficient, says the 'Bookman," to save the American copyright of such work as "An English woman's, Love letters" and would be hailed with thankfulness by the literary world on this side.

The Academy, however, foresees a difficulty. In its opinion, America cannot fail to raise the question as to the risk of the English publishers using the period of grace for the purpose of flooding the American market with imported copies of the provisionally protected book. To meet this difficulty, the Academy suggests, in the first place, that it might be forbidden, during the period of grace, to import either sheets or bound copies in excess of the small number which the author's American representatives would require to show to American publishers with a view to the negotiation of the production of an American edition. In the second place, that the period of protection might be extended, if, at the end of the three months' grace, an American publisher produced evidence that he had agreed with the author to produce a bona-fide American edition. This last provision is to save the American publisher from the necessity sometimes of rushing out a book at an inconvenient season, and so to make him more willing to treat.

The law of copyright presents many troubles and complexities in this imperfect world. It may be comforting to see how things are to be managed in Mr. H. G. Wells's "Modern Utopia." In Utopia, it appears, authors will have a choice of methods of publication. The author may publish his book with a public bookseller as a private speculator. On the other hand he may, if he has attained the necessary literary rank, receive an endowment from the University, and in return surrender his copyright to the University Press. It may be remembered that in an earlier Utopian scheme Mr. Wells concerned himself with the position of the criticised reviewers. He desired to see this Ismealitish caste recognised and endowed—the elect among them, that is. He had observed that obscured among much that was formal, foolish, and venial, there was to be found to-day a really quite remarkable number of isolated reviews, criticisms, and articles, which had style and stuff in them and the unmistakable note of honest enthusiasm. He desired to see the writers of these reviews saved from the conditions of haste and inadequate pay in which they worked, and from which they suffered, and set to work exclusively for his endowed critical magazine under a trustworthy editor. The reviewers no doubt, would have no objection.

Among the candidates for the Chair in the French Academy vacated by the recent death of M. Guillaume the sculptor, are Messieurs Marcel Prevost, Maurice Barres, Lamy, Dounay, Capus and Brieux. Of these probably Marcel Prevost, the novelist and Dounay Capus, and Brieux the dramatists are most generally known in England. There was a good deal of talk here once among literary persons about M. Maurice Barres and his "culte du moi" and "Le Jardin de Berenice" in his earlier style and "Les Deracines" in his later found many readers in this country. M. Marcel Prevost is probably most widely known dy his "Les Demi-Vieregs which is a pity. Perhaps M. Prevost who is a "feministe" would approve the proposal that has been mooted to elect a lady Academician. The winner in the plebiscite organised by a well-known literary journal in Paris was Madame Arvede Barne, the able contributor to the "Revue des Daux Modes" on biographical and historical subjects, Daniel Leseur and Madame Alphonse Daudet came next in the competition.

A WRITER in the "Matin" gives a vivid description of Harbin as it is at the moment. It is now a centre of great military activity, and troops from all quarters of Asiatic Russia are constantly arriving, including regiments of Tcherkesses and Kirghises, in their picturesque Oriental uniforms, surmounted by Siberian busbies and damascened side-arms. The European troops are also arriving from all the garrisons west of the Urals, and these bring with them adventurers of all sorts from every part of the world. the cosmopolitanism of Harbin just now can only be compared to that of California in the days of the gold fever. The saddest picture of all is the correspondent's description of the long hospital trains that are constantly arriving from Mukden, full of wounded soldiers, who have long since overcrowded all the accommodation provided by the Russian Red Cross Society and the Army Medical Department. The strain on both services is described as terrible. But there has been no complete breakdown, and temporary hospitals are rapidly being erected. The Russians are accumulating enormous stores of provisions and ammunition, and peace seems far from the minds of everyone in Harbin.

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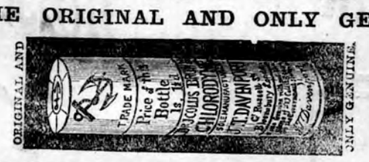

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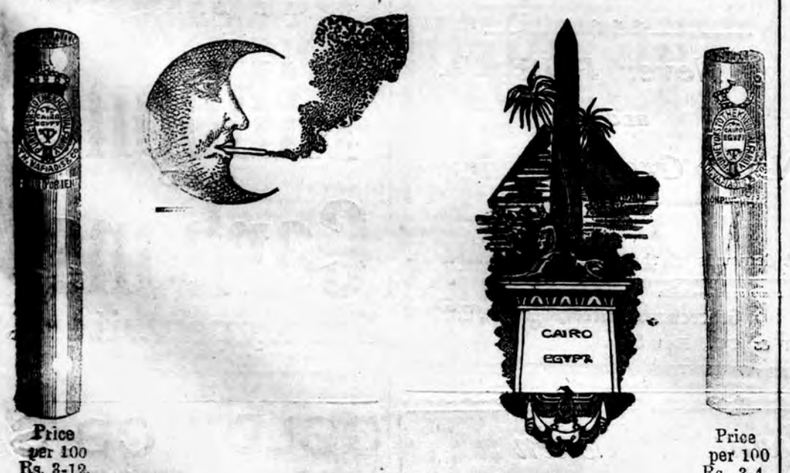

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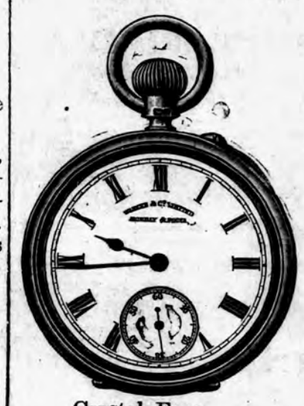

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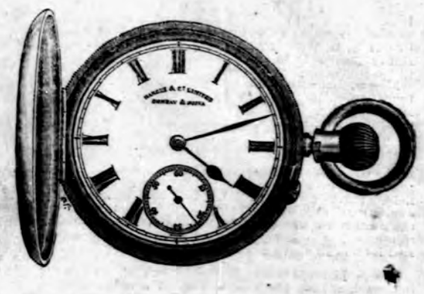

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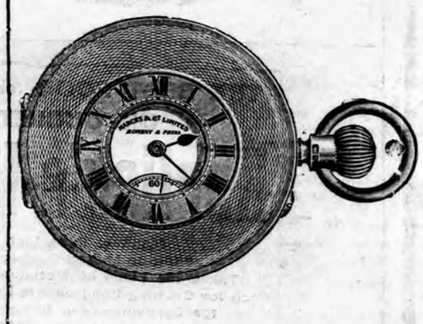

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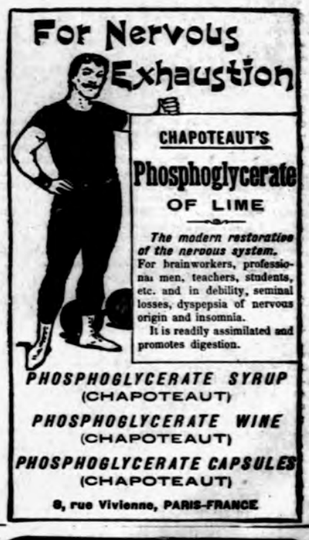
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